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I. Overview of Price Case

The Governors of the United States Postal Service have determined to adjust rates for market-dominant products. The adjusted rates will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on August 29, 2021. The Postal Service hereby submits the new rates for regulatory review and demonstrates their compliance with applicable law.

This price case is the first to follow the Postal Regulatory Commission's adoption of an amended ratemaking system in Order No. 5763. As a result of the new system, the Postal Service has available approximately 6.8 percent of pricing authority for compensatory classes and approximately 8.8 percent of pricing authority for non-compensatory classes. The Governors have determined to use virtually all of this authority at this time. The Postal Service's Delivering for America ten-year plan sets forth a balanced array of initiatives to achieve financial sustainability and service excellence, and this price case is an integral component of that plan.

Given the recent adoption of the Commission's amendments to the ratemaking system and the urgent need to begin addressing the Postal Service's financial challenges through implementation of more rational pricing, after many years of a prior system that the Commission appropriately found to be a barrier to financial sustainability, the Governors have determined to shift from the Postal Service's previous January implementation schedule for annual price increases to an August timeline for 2021.¹ The Governors have not yet determined whether this timeline shift will apply to future years.²

¹ The Postal Service submits that this decision satisfies 39 C.F.R. 3030.102(d).

² 39 C.F.R. 3030.102(c) is therefore not implicated.

A. Postal Service Official Responsible for Commission Inquiries

The Postal Service identifies Samie Rehman as the official available to respond to Commission inquiries:³

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B. Price Case Structure

The remainder of this Notice is structured as follows. Part II details compliance with the price cap.⁴ Part III discusses the new rates and workshare discounts and their compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.⁵ Part IV describes associated changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS).⁶ The schedule of new rates can be found in Attachment A.⁷

II. Price Cap Compliance

A. Annual CPI Based Cap Space

The amount of price cap space generated by the change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) since the last market-dominant rate case is listed in the table below.⁸

³ 39 C.F.R. 3030.122(e).

⁴ Part II is intended to satisfy subparts (b) through (f) of Rule 3030.123.

⁵ Part III is intended to satisfy subparts (g) through (k) of Rule 3030.123.

⁶ Part IV is intended to satisfy subpart (d) of Rule 3030.122.

⁷ The prices are set forth in Mail Classification Schedule format in order to satisfy subpart (d) of Rule 3030.122.

⁸ Available Market Dominant Rate Authority, (May 12, 2021), *available at* <https://www.prc.gov/sites/default/files/Available%20Rate%20Authority%2005-12-21.pdf>, at 1.

Table 1
Price Cap Space Generated by the Change in CPI-U

Class	CPI-U Cap Space Generated (%)
First-Class Mail	1.244
USPS Marketing Mail	1.244
Periodicals	1.244
Package Services	1.244
Special Services	1.244

B. Unused Cap Space from Previous Years

The banked cap space carried over from prior years is listed below.

Table 2
Available Unused Cap Space

Class	Unused Authority (%)
First-Class Mail	0.012
USPS Marketing Mail	0.010
Periodicals	0.002
Package Services	0.006
Special Services	0.007

C. Density Rate Authority

As specified by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.162(a)(1), the density-based rate authority available to the Postal Service is calculated as 4.500 percent.⁹

D. Retirement-Based Rate Authority

As specified by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.183, the retirement-based rate authority available to the Postal Service is calculated as 1.062 percent.¹⁰

⁹ Docket No. ACR2020, Order No. 5861, Determination of Available Market Dominant Rate Authority, (Apr. 6, 2021), at 4.

¹⁰ Order No. 5861, at 6.

E. Rate Authority for Non-Compensatory Classes

39 C.F.R. § 3030.222(a) provides for an additional 2 percentage points of rate authority for any class of mail where the attributable cost for that class exceeded the revenue from that class. In FY 2020, the classes for which attributable cost exceeded revenue were Periodicals and Package Services.¹¹

F. Total Available Cap Space

Combining (1) the current CPI based cap space with (2) the unused cap space from previous years, (3) density rate authority, (4) retirement-based rate authority, and (5) rate authority for non-compensatory classes results in total available cap space in the following amounts:¹²

Table 3
Total Available Cap Space

Class	CPI-U (%)	Density (%)	Retirement (%)	Non-Compensatory (%)	Bank (%)	Total Cap Space (%)
First-Class Mail	1.244	4.500	1.062	N/A	0.012	6.818
USPS Marketing Mail	1.244	4.500	1.062	N/A	0.010	6.816
Periodicals	1.244	4.500	1.062	2.000	0.002	8.808
Package Services	1.244	4.500	1.062	2.000	0.006	8.812
Special Services	1.244	4.500	1.062	N/A	0.007	6.813

G. Percentage Change in Rates

The rate changes set forth in this docket represent the following percentage changes by class:

¹¹ Order No. 5861, at 6.

¹² CPI-U taken from Available Market Dominant Rate Authority, (May 12, 2021), at 1. All other figures have been taken from Order No. 5861, at 6.

Table 4
Price Change Percentages

Class	Percent Change
First-Class Mail	6.814
USPS Marketing Mail	6.815
Periodicals	8.806
Package Services	8.806
Special Services	6.808

The workpapers required by Rule 3030.123(d) deriving these figures are contained in the library references accompanying this Notice, with the underlying calculations conforming to Rule 3030.128.

H. Unused Cap Space After Price Change

The following amounts of cap space will remain after this price case:

Table 5
Unused Cap Space After Price Change

Class	Remaining Cap Space (%)
First-Class Mail	0.004
USPS Marketing Mail	0.001
Periodicals	0.002
Package Services	0.006
Special Services	0.005

The underlying calculations required by Rule 3030.123(f) are contained in the library references accompanying this Notice. In compliance with Rule 3030.123(e), the library references also show the amount of banked cap space utilized by each class.

III. Discussion of New Rates

A. First-Class Mail

1. Summary of Price Changes

a. Descriptions of Price Changes by Product and Rate Category

First-Class Mail is the highest revenue-generating mail class, accounting for \$24.2 billion, or 33 percent, of the \$73.2 billion in total revenue in FY 2020.¹³ This class includes correspondence, bills, statements, payments, and advertising.

Despite an overall decline in First-Class Mail volume, Automation Letters volumes have been steadier – over the last four years, they have declined at only about one-third the rate of Single-Piece Letters. Over the same time period, 5-Digit Automation Letters volume has increased.

¹³ Docket No. ACR2020, Library Reference PRC-LR-ACR2020-1FY2020, “Public_FY20CRAReport.Rev.2.22.21.xlsx” (Mar. 29, 2021). Note that the \$24.2 billion for First-Class Mail does not include \$51.7 million of International Inbound negotiated service agreements.

Prices for the First-Class Mail products will adjust by the following amounts:

Table 6
First-Class Mail Price Changes

Product	Percent Change
Single-Piece Letters/Postcards	5.001
Presort Letters/Postcards	7.440
Flats	10.318
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International	8.351
Inbound Letter Post	6.574
Total First-Class Mail	6.814

Within the Letters products category, the rates for one-ounce mail pieces will increase as follows:

Table 7
First-Class Mail First-Ounce Rates - Letters

	Current	New	Change	Percent Change
Stamped Single-Piece	0.55	0.58	0.03	5.5
Metered Single-Piece	0.51	0.53	0.02	3.9
MAADC ¹⁴ Automation	0.450	0.485	0.35	7.8
AADC Automation	0.428	0.461	0.033	7.7
5-Digit Automation	0.398	0.426	0.028	7.0

The Postal Service is increasing the Stamp price from 55 cents to 58 cents, or 5.5 percent. This follows on two rate cycles of holding the Stamp price constant. The Meter price is increasing by 2 cents, from 51 cents to 53 cents, or 3.9 percent. Thus, the Stamp and Meter differential is widening to five cents from four; this should help small businesses as they recover from the pandemic-induced economic downturn. The non-machinable surcharge for Letters will increase from 20 cents to 30 cents, while the additional ounce rate will remain at 20 cents.

¹⁴ *I.e.*, Mixed Automated Area Distribution Center (AADC).

The Postal Service is introducing a new rate structure for Nonautomation Machinable and Nonmachinable Letters, shown in Tables 8-9 below, that essentially aligns these products with the corresponding Marketing Mail structure by differentiating presort levels.¹⁵

Table 8
Nonautomation Machinable Letters Price Structure Change

Previous Structure		Updated Structure		
Maximum Weight (ounces)	Presorted (\$)	Maximum Weight (ounces)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
1	0.460	1	0.461	0.494
2	0.460	2	0.461	0.494
3	0.460	3	0.461	0.494
3.5	0.460	3.5	0.461	0.494

Table 9
Nonmachinable Letters Price Structure Change

Previous Structure		Updated Structure			
Maximum Weight (ounces)	Presorted (\$)	Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
1	0.660	1	0.586	0.684	0.794
2	0.660	2	0.586	0.684	0.794
3	0.660	3	0.586	0.684	0.794
3.5	0.660	3.5	0.586	0.684	0.794

As shown above, the restructuring introduces four new prices and corresponding workshare discounts in Nonautomation Machinable and Nonmachinable Letters. Specifically, within Nonautomation Machinable Letters, a new Nonautomation Mixed AADC discount is replacing the existing Nonautomation Machinable Letters discount (the benchmark remains Metered Letters), and a new discount is being added for Nonautomation Machineable AADC Letters, benchmarked to Mixed AADC. Within

¹⁵ Additional information about the new structure is included in the First-Class Mail workpapers. See Library Reference USPS-LR-R2021-2-1, Microsoft Excel file "CAPCALC-FCM-R2021-2.xlsx."

Nonmachinable Letters, the Postal Service is adding new discounts for 5-Digit and 3-Digit Letters.

In accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(h), the Postal Service notes that it intends for this rate restructuring to incentivize greater presortation by mailers, increase pricing flexibility, and better align pricing structures across classes. Benefits should, therefore, accrue both to mailers and to the Postal Service. The Postal Service certifies that the new discounts will not adversely affect the customers who do not choose to take advantage of them, as they can continue to use their existing discounts (or other products, as applicable).

All of the new discounts are set within a range of 85 to 100 percent in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(e). These passthroughs rely on cost avoidance data already approved by the Commission. Specifically, the Annual Compliance Report includes a First-Class Mail Letters cost avoidance model in Folder 10 that forms the basis for estimating existing Automation Letters cost avoidances (both in the Annual Compliance Reports' Folder 3 and in price change dockets' Attachment B). This same model estimates the mail processing costs (Folder 10) and delivery costs (originally provided in Folder 19) for Nonautomation Letters.¹⁶ The Postal Service has used these mail processing costs and delivery costs to develop the cost avoidances for the new workshare discounts.¹⁷

Automation Letters, within the Presort Letters and Cards product category, will receive an above-average price increase. While this is the second consecutive above-

¹⁶ The derivation of these cost avoidances is provided in the Library Reference USPS-LR-R2021-2/1, Excel Spreadsheet FCM.NonautoLtrsVolDist.AvdCst.R2021-2.xlsx, Tab: 'NonautoLtrs Avoid Cost'.

¹⁷ The derivation of Nonautomation Presort volumes is provided in the above referenced Spreadsheet Tab: NonautoLtrsVolDist.

average increase for Presort Letters, the category previously received slightly below-average price increases for five consecutive years. The impact of this price increase should be softened by the significantly increased 5-Digit Letters discount, along with the increased promotional discounts described below.

The remainder of the price authority for First-Class Mail is applied to cards; flats; and International letters, cards, and flats. As for international, Inbound Letter Post terminal dues are increasing by 6.574 percent compared to current rates.¹⁸ This is based on the expected terminal dues price increases that are likely to be adopted at the next Universal Postal Union Congress. Also, Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (FCMI) prices are increasing 8.351 percent, including increases on Single-Piece FCMI letters, cards, and flats.

2. Workshare Discounts

All First-Class Mail passthroughs comply with the Commission's new rules in 39 C.F.R. part 3030, subpart J. Generally, workshare discounts should be set to 100 percent and may not be changed when equal to 100 percent. Workshare discounts that exceed avoided costs may not be increased, and workshare discounts that are less than avoided costs may not be decreased.¹⁹ The Postal Service may, however, adjust rates that set workshare discounts above or below avoided costs if one or more conditions apply.²⁰

One First-Class Mail passthrough, Automation ADC Flats, is equal to 100 percent. All other First-Class Mail passthroughs are set between 85 and 100 percent,

¹⁸ The Inbound Letter Post price changes are expected to take effect on January 1, 2022.

¹⁹ 39 C.F.R. § 3030.282.

²⁰ See 39 C.F.R. § 3030.283 and 3030.284, respectively.

complying with the condition in 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(e). (See Attachment B, Tabs: 'FCM Flats'; 'FCM Single Piece Letters, Cards'; and 'FCM Bulk Letters, Cards.')

3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Postal Service has made three adjustments to the hybrid year billing determinants for First-Class Mail.

First, the Postal Service adjusted Nonautomation Presort Letters volumes to account for the revised pricing structures. Specifically, Nonautomation Machinable Letters volumes were distributed between Mixed AADC and AADC; and Nonmachinable Letters volumes were distributed to Mixed ADC, 3-Digit, and 5-Digit presort levels. The distribution keys were derived using data from the FY 2020 Annual Compliance Report's Folder 10.²¹

Second, because the Picture Permit data source reports revenues only and not volumes, the Postal Service has converted Picture Permit's revenues to volumes by multiplying the dollar amount by 100. The Postal Service performs this adjustment in every price case.

Finally, reported volumes for the new Seamless Acceptance incentive introduced in Docket No. R2021-1 are available for only part of the hybrid year, as the incentive went into effect on January 24, 2021. Therefore, the Postal Service is using Postal One data to determine qualifying volume for the portion of the hybrid year before February 1, 2021 (specifically, for Quarters 3 and 4 of FY 2020, Quarter 1 of FY 2021, and for January 2021). For Quarter 2 of FY 2021, the Postal Service adjusted Revenue, Pieces & Weight (RPW) data by substituting in January 2021 Postal One data for January 2021

²¹ See Library Reference USPS-LR-R2021-2-1, Microsoft Excel file "FCM.NonautoLtrsVolDist.AvdCst.R2021-2.xlsx".

RPW Data. Seamless Acceptance data for all mail classes is reported in Library Reference USPS-R2021-2-6. The cap calculation files for each mail class use this data source to adjust for the Seamless Acceptance incentive.

B. USPS Marketing Mail

1. Summary of Price Changes

The Postal Service is increasing Marketing Mail prices by 6.815 percent overall. Prices for the seven USPS Marketing Mail products will adjust by the following amounts:

Table 10
USPS Marketing Mail Product Price Changes

Product	Percent Change
Letters	6.581
Flats	8.819
Parcels	9.367
High Density / Saturation Letters	5.992
High Density / Saturation Flats and Parcels	5.454
Carrier Route	8.866
Every Door Direct Mail – Retail	5.208
Overall	6.815

In the FY 2020 Annual Compliance Determination, the Commission directed the Postal Service to raise rates for Marketing Mail Flats, Parcels, and Carrier Route at least 2 percent above the class average.²² Accordingly, the Postal Service is raising prices for these three products by 8.819 percent, 9.367 percent, and 8.866 percent.

The Letters product, which provides 58 percent of Marketing Mail revenue, is receiving a slightly below average increase.

Both High Density Flats and High Density Letters are receiving above-average increases. Over the last few years, co-mailing and comingling have changed the

²² Docket No. ACR2020, Annual Compliance Determination Report Fiscal Year 2020, (Mar. 29, 2021), at 41, 46, 50.

market for Marketing Mail and have effectively made High Density Flats and Letters finer pre-sort levels beyond 5-Digit and Carrier Route. These increases align their prices more closely with other presort levels, and the increases represent an application of price cap authority to mail products with stable or increasing volume, which both Marketing Mail High Density Flats and Letters have had for years prior to the pandemic.

The Postal Service is creating a new 1-cent discount for High Density Flats on 5-Digit (direct) pallets. In accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(h)(1), the Postal Service notes that it is establishing this discount because pallets prepared this way allow the Postal Service to avoid moving these pallets to bundle sorters within the plant, sorting the bundles, and moving them back to the dock to be transported to the Destination Delivery Unit. In a sense, this discount is not new – the Commission favorably reviewed an analogous discount for Carrier Route pieces on 5-Digit (direct) pallets in 2015.²³

As required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.123(h)(2), the analysis showing the associated new cost avoidance is in Attachment B (Tab: 'USPS MM HD-Sat Flts-Prcls'), as well as in Folder 11 filed with the FY 2020 Annual Compliance Report (folder: FY20.11.Flats.Models, File: USPS-FY20-11 MM_CR Flats.xlsx, Tab: 'CARRIER ROUTE AVOIDED COST CALC'). This new discount will not adversely affect either the rates or the service levels of users of postal services who do not take advantage of the workshare discount. The discount is generally available, and for those mailers that do

²³ Docket No. R2015-4, Order No. 2472, Order on Revised Price Adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals and Package Service Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, (May 7, 2015), at 43.

not take advantage of it, the rate for High Density Flats not on 5-Digit Pallets (direct) still exists.²⁴

Finally, DMLs (Detached Marketing Labels) and DALs (Detached Address Labels) will increase by 1 cent each. DMLs will go from 6.0 cents to 7.0 cents, a 16.7 percent increase, while DALs will go from 5.5 cents to 6.5 cents, an increase of 18.2 percent.

2. Workshare Discounts

The large majority of Marketing Mail passthroughs fall within the 85 to 100 percent range, (see Attachment B, all Tabs beginning 'USPS MM....'), and ten passthroughs are set at 100 percent. (See Attachment B, Tabs: 'USPS MM Letters,' 'USPS MM Flats Prst Prebcd,' 'USPS MM Prcls & Mkt Prcls,' and 'USPS MM Carrier Route'). For the sake of brevity, therefore, this section discusses only those passthroughs that do not meet 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(e) and fall outside of the 85 to 100 percent range or are not equal to 100 percent.

a. Marketing Mail Letters

Within Letters, (see Attachment B, Tab: 'USPS MM Letters'), there is one passthrough below 85 percent, Non-automation AADC Machinable Letters. The current discount (from the most recent price change, Docket No. R2021-1) is 0.9 cents, and the current cost avoidance is 3 cents, a starting point passthrough of 30 percent. The Postal Service has increased this discount to 1.3 cents, or 44 percent, well above the minimum 20 percent increase required by 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). See Table 11:

²⁴ See Mail Classification Schedule § 1210.6, High Density Flats.

Table 11
Non-automation AADC Machinable Letters, Percent Change in Discount

Type of Worksharing	Starting Passthrough ²⁵	New Passthrough	Previous Discount	New Discount	Discount % Change
Non-automation AADC Machinable Letters	30.0%	43.3%	\$0.009	\$0.013	44.4%

The Postal Service intends to gradually move this passthrough toward 85 percent given future cost avoidance estimates.

Note that one of the ten passthroughs set at 100 percent is the dropship discount for 5-Digit letters entered at the DSCF at 2.7 cents. At 25 billion pieces in FY 2020, this is the single largest volume category within all market-dominant mail and makes up 39 percent of total Marketing Mail volume. This discount has been a major concern of mailers over the last few rate cycles.

b. Marketing Mail Flats & Parcels Dropship

Within Flats and Parcels (see Attachment B, Tab: Flats & Parcels Dropship), there are eight passthroughs that are below 85 percent. All, however, comply with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c) because the Postal service is increasing each discount by more than 20 percent, as shown in Table 12.

²⁵ Starting passthrough uses the latest discount (R2021-1 Prices to calculate the discount) and latest Cost Avoidance (ACR 2020, Folder 3).

Table 12
Marketing Mail Flats and Parcels Dropship, Percent Changes in Discounts

Type of Worksharing	Starting Passthrough ²⁶	New Passthrough	Previous Discount (000) ²⁷	New Discount (000) ²⁸	Discount % Change
Nonprofit Machinable and Irregular Parcels-DNDC	26.9%	32.6%	\$661	\$799	20.9%
Commercial and Nonprofit Marketing Parcels-DNDC	29.8%	40.4%	\$164	\$222	35.7%
Commercial and Nonprofit Marketing Parcels-DSCF	56.6%	72.1%	\$1,419	\$1,805	27.3%
Commercial and Nonprofit Basic Carrier Route Flats-DNDC	50.0%	62.7%	\$10,631	\$13,339	25.5%
Commercial and Nonprofit Basic Carrier Route Flats-DSCF	67.1%	81.8%	\$187,966	\$229,176	21.9%
Commercial and Nonprofit Basic Carrier Route Flats on 5-Digit Pallets-DNDC	48.3%	60.5%	\$679	\$851	25.4%
Commercial and Nonprofit Basic Carrier Route Flats on 5-Digit Pallets-DSCF	54.1%	66.0%	\$34,629	\$42,275	22.1%
Commercial and Nonprofit Basic Carrier Route Flats on 5-Digit Pallets-DDU	66.5%	80.5%	\$1,103	\$1,334	21.0%

There is also one passthrough above 100 percent: the passthrough for Basic Carrier Route Flats entered at the Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) is 134.3 percent. As explained below, it is not possible to reduce this passthrough to 100 percent while maintaining rational pricing.

Each of the six Carrier Route Flats dropship discounts comprises both a per-piece rate and a per-pound rate. Accordingly, the passthroughs for these discounts cannot be calculated in the straightforward manner that passthroughs for other discounts are calculated (i.e., simply by dividing the discount by its associated cost

²⁶ Starting passthrough uses the latest discount (R2021-1 Prices to calculate the discount) and latest Cost Avoidance (ACR 2020, Folder 3).

²⁷ Because of the nature of these dropship passthrough calculations, both the avoided costs and discounts are total dollar amounts and not just the per-piece (or per-pound) estimated avoided costs and discounts.

²⁸ See prior footnote.

avoidance). Rather, these six passthroughs are the result of a more complex calculation that first weights the per-piece and per-pound rates with actual mailed volumes and then compares the weighted discounts to the cost avoidance.

Given this calculation method, it is not possible to bring all six Carrier Route Flats discounts into alignment with the Commission's new workshare discount rules without introducing prices that are irrational on their face, such as higher prices for dropshipping at the DDU than at the DSCF. For an illustration of this difficulty, please see the Excel file in the USPS Marketing Mail workpapers, "Carrier Route Flats Dropship R2021-2.xlsx", which has two tabs, "CR flats Drop&Presort Passthru" and "Diff Disc Scenario."²⁹ The first tab reproduces the dropship and presort passthroughs for Carrier Route Flats from the information provided in Attachment B, File "Attachment B R2021-2.xlsx." References are provided in the tab. The second tab allows the user to change the pound prices in Cells P62 to Q64 (shaded orange) and see the resulting change in piece prices, discounts, and two different passthrough percentages, one for dropship discounts (shaded yellow in column W) and the other for preparation or presort discounts (shaded yellow in column J).

As submitted, the worksheet shows the results of changing the current prices to ensure that all dropship passthroughs are at least 85 percent. The DDU price for pieces heavier than 4 ounces on basic pallets is higher than both the DNDC and DSCF prices. The DDU price for pieces heavier than 4 ounces on 5-Digit pallets is higher than the DSCF price. And the presort passthrough discount percentage is above 100 percent for

²⁹ The Postal Service recently filed this illustration, and substantially the same following explanation, in the pending rulemaking docket focused on this passthrough calculation issue. See Docket No. RM2021-6, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1 (May 5, 2021).

all dropship levels, significantly so for DSCF (166.7 percent) and DDU (228.6 percent). The Postal Service is prepared to make its pricing experts available for a technical conference should the Commission like to explore the illustration further.

In light of the constraints described above, the Governors have determined to set Carrier Route rates in the manner that accomplishes the fullest possible compliance while retaining rationality, such that only one of the lower volume rate categories will be set outside the 85 to 100 percent passthrough band. Further, because the passthrough associated with this category is being set above 100 percent, its non-alignment with the band accrues to the benefit of mailers rather than the Postal Service. The Postal Service intends to bring this passthrough into compliance as soon as practicable given changes in dropship cost avoidances and changes in the mail mix (pounds vs. pieces) at various entry points.

c. Marketing Mail Parcels

Within Marketing Mail Parcels (see Attachment B, Tab: 'USPS MM Prcls & Mkt Prcls'), there are two passthroughs below 85 percent and one passthrough above 100 percent. The Postal Service is increasing the discount for the first two rates by at least 20 percent, as per 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). The discount associated with the passthrough greater than 100 percent is reduced by at least 20 percent, complying with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.283(c). See Table 13.

Table 13
Marketing Mail Parcels Dropship, Percent Changes in Discounts

Type of Worksharing	Starting Passthrough ³⁰	New Passthrough	Previous Discount	New Discount	Discount % Change
5-digit Irregular Parcels	41.9%	51.8%	\$0.310	\$0.383	23.5%
5-digit Marketing Parcels	25.0%	40.1%	\$0.182	\$0.292	60.4%
NDC Marketing Parcels	157.5%	124.9%	\$0.474	\$0.376	-20.7%

d. Marketing Mail High Density and Saturation Letters

Within Marketing Mail High Density Saturation Letters, there is one passthrough that is below 85 percent. The Postal Service proposes to increase this discount by more than 20 percent, thus ensuring compliance with 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(c). See Table 14.

Table 14
Marketing Mail High Density, Percent Changes in Discounts

Type of Worksharing	Starting Passthrough ³¹	New Passthrough	Previous Discount	New Discount	Discount % Change
High Density Letters	14.5%	17.5%	\$0.077	\$0.093	20.8%

e. Marketing Mail High Density and Saturation Flats

Finally, the new discount for High Density Flats on 5-Digit (direct) pallets, discussed in Section III.B.1, above, creates a new passthrough below 100 percent (47.6 percent). This low workshare discount is permissible because it is new.³²

3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Postal Service has made three adjustments to the hybrid year billing determinants for USPS Marketing Mail.

³⁰ Starting passthrough uses the latest discount (R2021-1 Prices to calculate the discount) and latest Cost Avoidance (ACR 2020, Folder 3).

³¹ See prior footnote.

³² 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(b).

First, to give effect to the rate and classification change for lightweight Nonautomation Nonmachinable letter-shaped pieces (4 ounces and below) that was proposed and approved in Docket No. R2021-1, hybrid year volumes have been moved from the Letters product to the Flats product in the price cap calculation. While not reflected in the FY 2021 Q2 RPW report, billing determinants for that quarter match the RPW treatment of these letters, and CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2021-2.xlsx, the primary Marketing Mail workbook file, correctly maps these volumes and revenues to the appropriate product.

Next, as discussed above for First-Class Mail, the Postal Service has used Postal One data to account for qualifying Seamless Acceptance incentive volume for the portion of the hybrid year before February 1, 2021.

Finally, the Postal Service has split High Density Flats volume between 5-Digit (direct) and Other Pallets using Postal One data to account for the new proposed discount for High Density Flats pieces on 5-Digit (direct) pallets.

C. Periodicals

1. Summary of Price Changes

Prices for the two Periodicals products will increase as follows:

Table 15
Periodicals Price Changes

Product	Percent Change
Outside County	8.832
Within County	8.311
Overall	8.806

In the FY 2020 Annual Compliance Determination, the Commission concluded that Periodicals is a non-compensatory class.³³ Accordingly, the Postal Service has an additional 2 percent rate authority for Periodicals under 39 C.F.R. § 3030.222(a).³⁴ The total price authority for Periodicals is 8.808 percent, and the Postal Service intends to use 8.806 percent, banking 0.002 percent. The price changes for Periodicals approved by the Governors incorporate the following strategies aimed at improving cost coverage:

- Creating a single price for all zone-based advertising pound prices, resulting in price increases for Zones 1-4 and price decreases in Zones 5-9. To arrive at the new prices, the Postal Service considered using an average of all advertising pound prices. However, both the weighted and non-weighted averages led to increases of more than 50 percent for some zones. Instead, the Postal Service took the weighted average of Zones 1-7 and then adjusted the price slightly to bring about the desired revenue impact.
- Lowering pound prices to facilitate shifting to uniform advertising zone prices and using the resulting cap authority in more efficient areas (primarily pieces).
- Continuing the initiative of lower prices for tubs versus sacks for Periodicals entered at the DSCF and DDU. This will encourage more efficient mail preparation.

³³ FY 2020 ACD, at 20.

³⁴ Order No. 5861, at 6.

- Increasing the price differential between basic Carrier Route and Machinable Automation 5-Digit Flats to encourage the preparation of Carrier Route pieces and reduce costs for the Postal Service.

2. Workshare Discounts

As of this price adjustment, no Periodicals workshare discounts exceed avoided costs.

While many Periodicals workshare discounts have passthrough ratios below 100 percent, the Postal Service is bringing all of them into compliance with 39 C.F.R.

§ 3030.284, either by ensuring that the passthrough ratio is at least 85 percent or by raising the discount by at least 20 percent. See Table 16:

Table 16
Periodicals Workshare Discounts, Percent Changes in Passthroughs and Discounts

	Starting Passthrough³⁵	New Passthrough	Previous Discount	New Discount	Discount % Change
Periodicals Outside County Mail					
Presorting (dollars / piece)					
Machinable Nonautomation ADC Flats	84.6%	85.9%	\$0.07	\$0.07	1.5%
Machinable Nonautomation 3D/SCF Flats	96.4%	96.4%	\$0.05	\$0.05	0.0%
Machinable Nonautomation 5D Flats	82.0%	85.6%	\$0.11	\$0.12	4.4%
CR Basic	71.2%	85.9%	\$0.15	\$0.18	20.5%
High Density	91.7%	91.7%	\$0.03	\$0.03	0.0%
Saturation	36.6%	43.9%	\$0.02	\$0.02	20.0%
Machinable Automation ADC Flats	87.1%	87.1%	\$0.05	\$0.05	0.0%
Machinable Automation 3D/SCF Flats	104.3%	87.0%	\$0.05	\$0.04	-16.7%
Machinable Automation 5D Flats	86.0%	86.0%	\$0.10	\$0.10	0.0%
Nonmachinable Nonauto ADC Flats	84.9%	85.7%	\$0.10	\$0.10	1.0%
Nonmachinable Nonauto 3D/SCF Flats	80.0%	85.5%	\$0.04	\$0.05	6.8%
Nonmachinable Nonauto 5D Flats	87.0%	87.0%	\$0.09	\$0.09	0.0%
Nonmachinable Automation ADC Flats	85.7%	85.7%	\$0.11	\$0.11	0.0%
Nonmachinable Automation 3D/SCF Flats	85.4%	85.4%	\$0.04	\$0.04	0.0%
Nonmachinable Automation 5D Flats	85.3%	85.3%	\$0.09	\$0.09	0.0%
Pre-barcoding (dollars / piece)					
Machinable Automation MADC Flats	81.0%	85.7%	\$0.05	\$0.05	5.9%
Presorting Automation Letters (dollars/piece)					
ADC Automation Letter	72.7%	86.4%	\$0.02	\$0.02	18.8%
5-Digit Automation Letter	75.0%	85.7%	\$0.02	\$0.02	14.3%
Periodicals Within County Mail					
Presorting (dollars / piece)					
3-Digit Presort	36.9%	44.6%	\$0.02	\$0.03	20.8%
5-Digit Presort	26.1%	31.9%	\$0.04	\$0.04	22.2%
CR Basic	35.2%	42.2%	\$0.09	\$0.11	20.0%
High Density	47.2%	58.3%	\$0.02	\$0.02	23.5%
Saturation	31.7%	39.0%	\$0.01	\$0.02	23.1%
5-Digit Automation Letter	64.3%	78.6%	\$0.02	\$0.02	22.2%
Pre-barcoding (dollars / piece)					
Basic Automation Flats	52.2%	63.3%	\$0.05	\$0.06	21.3%
3-Digit Automation Flats	44.2%	53.5%	\$0.04	\$0.05	21.1%
5-Digit Automation Flats	57.1%	69.8%	\$0.04	\$0.04	22.2%

³⁵ Starting passthrough uses the latest discount (R2021-1 Prices to calculate the discount) and latest Cost Avoidance (ACR 2020, Folder 3).

3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

The Postal Service made the same billing determinants adjustment to account for qualifying Seamless Acceptance incentive volume as described above for First-Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail.

D. Package Services

1. Summary of Price Changes

The prices for the Package Services products will increase as follows:

Table 17
Package Services Price Changes

Product	Percent Change
Alaska Bypass Service	6.989
Bound Printed Matter Flats	7.453
Bound Printed Matter Parcels	6.666
Media Mail and Library Mail	10.865
Overall	8.804

In the FY 2020 Annual Compliance Determination, the Commission concluded that the attributable costs for the Package Services class exceeds its revenue. Accordingly, the Postal Service has an additional 2 percentage points of pricing authority to improve cost coverage for the class.³⁶ The Postal Service is using nearly all available cap space at this time to increase prices, in accordance with the pricing strategy described below.

First, the Postal Service is applying Package Services' largest price increase to Media Mail/Library Mail, because that product has the lowest cost coverage in the class

³⁶ 39 C.F.R. § 3030.222.

(79.3 percent).³⁷ Media Mail/Library Mail rates will increase by 10.865 percent, which is higher than the class average of 8.804 percent.³⁸

Next, the Postal Service is addressing the other product in Package Services that has a non-compensatory cost coverage, Bound Printed Matter (“BPM”) Parcels. In FY 2020, BPM Parcels had a cost coverage of 94.0 percent.³⁹ The Commission is currently reviewing the Postal Service’s request to transfer BPM Parcels to the competitive list. In this price case, therefore, the Postal Service must balance the need to address the product’s cost coverage against the need to ensure that a non-compensatory class’s price cap space is not wasted on a product that may not remain on the market-dominant list. The 6.666 percent increase approved by the Governors appropriately strikes that balance: as shown in the Package Services workpapers, it is projected to result in a cost coverage of 100.6 percent.

Finally, the Postal Service is allocating the remaining cap space between BPM Flats and Alaska Bypass. The slightly higher increase for BPM Flats as compared to Alaska Bypass reflects the Postal Service’s business judgment as to how best to generate revenue for the class.

2. Workshare Discounts

One passthrough, Bound Printed Matter Parcels, Carrier Route dropshipped at the DSCF, is equal to 100 percent. (See Attachment B, Tab: Bound Printed Matter Parcel). All other Package Services passthroughs are set between 85 and 100 percent, complying with the condition in 39 C.F.R. § 3030.284(e). (See Attachment B, Tabs:

³⁷ FY 2020 ACD, at 51.

³⁸ This price increase is consistent with the PRC’s recommendation in FY 2020 Annual Compliance Determination Report. FY 2020 ACD, at 3.

³⁹ FY 2020 ACD, at 53.

‘Bound Printed Matter Parcel,’ Bound Printed Matter Flats,’ and ‘Media Mail & Library Mail’).

3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

In Package Services, the Postal Service made the same billing determinants adjustment to account for qualifying Seamless Acceptance incentive volume as described above for the other classes.

Additionally, the Postal Service notes that there was no reported volume for the Pickup On Demand service with regards to Media/Library Mail and BPM Parcels during the entire hybrid year. Thus, the service as related to those products did not affect the price cap.

E. Special Services

1. Summary of Price Changes

The prices for Special Services will increase as follows:

Table 18
Special Services Product Price Changes

Product	Percent Change
Ancillary Services	5.801
International Ancillary Services	5.449
Address Management Services	7.384
Caller Service and Reserve Numbers	6.766
Credit Card Authentication	4.762
International BRM Service	10.096
Money Orders	11.514
Post Office Box Service ⁴⁰	9.269
Stamp Fulfillment Services	7.784
Overall	6.808

⁴⁰ This includes key and lock fees.

Prices for most Special Services products will increase between 4 to 9 percent, although there are some prices at sub-product levels that will increase only nominally or not at all. Noteworthy price changes are discussed below.

In response to recommendations made by the Commission in the FY 2020 Annual Compliance Determination, the Postal Service is increasing rates for Money Orders and International Return Receipt to improve cost coverage. Price increases of 11.5 percent for Money Orders and 11.8 percent for International Return Receipt should address the cost coverage concerns identified in the Annual Compliance Determination.

Post Office Box Service rates are increasing an overall 9.3 percent. This larger than average increase balances two consecutive price changes of lower than average price increases for the majority of Post Office Box rentals.⁴¹

Parcel Airlift will increase an overall 12.2 percent in response to volume growth over the last four quarters and no price increase in Docket No. R2021-1.

The rate for USPS Tracking for Marketing Mail Parcels will increase 9.1 percent, from 22 cents to 24 cents, to reflect the value of the service provided.

Stamped Cards will increase an overall 24.8 percent. While this may appear large in percentage terms, it is due largely to the fact that the single-piece stamped card rate cannot move in increments smaller than one cent (the Postal Service is increasing that rate from 4 cents to 5 cents).

⁴¹ In Docket No. R2020-1, notwithstanding the overall increase for Post Office Box Service, most Post Office Box rentals did not experience a price change. 18.6 percent of total rentals at that time experienced a price increase due to the realignment of Post Office Box fee groups; another 3.6 percent of total rentals (those in Fee Group 7, but not changing fee groups) received a typical price increase, for a total of 22.1 percent of rentals experiencing a price increase. The remaining 77.9 percent of rentals did not experience a price increase in Docket No. R2020-1. In Docket No. R2021-1, only 31.3 percent of Post Office Box rentals received a price increase; the remaining 68.7 percent of rentals did not experience a price increase.

Address Management Services will increase 7.4 percent overall. The following products within the Address Management Services will receive price increases above 9 percent: Correction and ZIP Coding of Mailing Lists, 9.5 percent; AIS (Address Information Systems) Viewer, 9.8 percent; AIS Unlimited License, 9.1 percent; Carrier Route Information Systems, 10.3 percent; Delivery Statistics, 9.4 percent; enhanced Line of Travel, 10.0 percent; ZIP + 4, 10.1 percent; ZIP Move, 11.5 percent. In support of an upcoming certification cycle, the prices for both Multiline Accuracy Support System (MASS) and Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS) will not increase.

An additional change is being made to adjust the schedule of proration for certain Address Management Services. DPV[®] (Delivery Point Validation), DSF^{2®} (Delivery Sequence File), LACS^{Link®} (Locatable Address Conversion System), and NCOA^{Link®} (National Change of Address) are licensed products that allow for proration of new license fees based on the month the Postal Service certifies the system.⁴² This is to support mailers in aligning with an annual renewal cycle that begins October 1 of each calendar year. The Postal Service is shifting the proration schedule from a monthly basis to a quarterly basis, aligning with the Postal Service's fiscal quarters.⁴³ The change in the prorations schedule will impact only new licensees; existing licensees will not be affected.

⁴² Under the existing proration schedule, a new license that is certified in October pays 11/12ths of the current annual price for the current license year. This decreases to 10/12ths if certified in November, 9/12ths if certified in December, and ultimately decreases to 1/12th if certified in August for the current license year. If a license is certified in September, the customer must pay the annual rate in full for the upcoming license year. All payments processed in September are for annual agreements for the following license year.

⁴³ A new license certified in October, November, or December would pay the full annual rate for the current license year; if certified in January, February, or March, the new license would pay 75 percent of the annual rate for the current license year; if certified in April, May, or June, the license would pay 50 percent of the annual rate for the current license year; if certified in July, August, or September of the current license year, the license would pay 25 percent of the annual rate.

2. Workshare Discounts

There are no Special Services workshare discounts.

3. Adjustments to Billing Determinants

No adjustments were made to the Special Services Billing Determinants.

However, the Postal Service would like to clarify a discrepancy in the FY 2021 Quarter 2 billing determinants as they relate to Address Information Systems products.

Docket No. R2021-1's factor changes for Additional Copies for AIS products and its change in the price for the Unlimited option were unfortunately not implemented on time on January 24, 2021, due to a technical error in the update process of the AIS Form AIS001 (Address Information Systems Products Order Form⁴⁴) and the United States Postal Service® Software/Database License Agreement.⁴⁵ While the base prices for the products were updated correctly on January 24, 2021, the new factors and price for the Unlimited option were not applied to new orders for additional copies on time. The AIS order form was updated on April 22, 2021 and the license agreement was updated on April 16, 2021 to reflect the correct rates. The correct rates are now being collected from customers for ADDITIONAL copies and the Unlimited option. This issue does not affect the price cap calculation.

F. Promotions

The Postal Service is offering six promotional discounts in Calendar Year 2022: Earned Value Reply Mail; Emerging & Advanced Technology; Informed Delivery; Mobile Shopping; Personalized Color Transpromo; and Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive

⁴⁴ Address Information System Products Order Form, AIS005 (April 2021), *available at* <https://postalpro.usps.com/node/186>.

⁴⁵ AIS Copyright/License Agreement (April 16, 2021) *available at* https://postalpro.usps.com/AISCopyright_License.

Engagement. Four of the promotions (i.e., Earned Value Reply Mail, Tactile Sensory and Interactive Engagement, Emerging & Advanced Technology, and Informed Delivery) apply to both First-Class Mail and Marketing Mail pieces. The Personalized Color Transpromo promotion applies only to First-Class Mail pieces, and the Mobile Shopping and Tactile, Sensory, promotion applies only to Marketing Mail pieces.

All six promotions were also offered in Calendar Year 2021. The price cap calculations take both calendar years' promotions into account. The end of Calendar Year 2021 promotions is reflected in the calculations at current prices, while initiation of the Calendar Year 2022 promotions is incorporated into the revenue calculations at planned prices.

Overall, the promotions generate cap space in First-Class Mail (\$9.4 million or 0.040 percent) for the following reasons: (1) the Informed Delivery promotion will be extended from 3 to 5 months while the discount increases from 2 to 4 percent, (2) the discount for Personalized Color Transpromo will increase from 2 to 3 percent, and (3) approximately 15 percent of Emerging & Advanced Technology promotional mail volume is projected to qualify for a 3 percent discount instead of the current 2 percent discount based on the technology used to qualify for the promotion. The promotions also generate cap space in USPS Marketing Mail (\$36.3 million or 0.271 percent). Similar to First-Class Mail, cap space has been created due to changes to the Informed Delivery and Emerging & Advanced Technology discounts. An increased discount (from 2 to 4 percent) for the Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Engagement discount also increased projected cap space. The workpapers for both First-Class Mail and Marketing Mail include the calculations underlying the price cap figures. Classification

changes associated with the promotions are shown in Attachment A. The 2022 Promotions Calendar is at Attachment D.

1. Earned Value Reply Mail

The Earned Value Reply Mail promotion encourages mailers to distribute Business Reply Mail (BRM), Courtesy Reply Mail (CRM), and Share Mail pieces. Flats, Permit Reply mail, and ballot mail are excluded from this promotion. Mailers who register their Mailer ID information and use eligible Intelligent Mail barcodes on their BRM, CRM, and Share Mail letter-sized pieces may qualify for a \$0.02 postage credit for each mailpiece that is placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the promotion period. The promotion period is from April 1 through June 30, 2022. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail presort and automation cards, letters, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats. The credit must be used by December 31, 2022.

2. Emerging & Advanced Technology

The Emerging and Advanced Technology promotion encourages mailers to incorporate mobile and other technologies into their mailpieces. Specifically, First-Class Mail letters, cards, and flats and Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate technologies will be eligible for a two or three percent discount depending on the technology that is integrated with the mailpiece. Two percent eligible techniques include Enhanced Augmented Reality (AR) and Basic Integration with Voice Assistant. Three percent eligible techniques include Video in Print, NFC, Virtual Reality(VR)/Mixed

Reality (MR), and Advanced Integration with Voice Assistant. The promotion period runs from March 1 through August 31, 2022.

3. Informed Delivery

The Informed Delivery Promotion seeks to continue increasing the adoption rate of the Postal Service's Informed Delivery platform, by offering an upfront 4 percent discount for mailings that incorporate best practices and techniques in their Informed Delivery campaigns. First-Class Mail automation letters, cards, and flats and Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that meet the promotion's requirements are eligible. The Postal Service plans to offer the promotion from August 1 through December 31, 2022.

4. Mobile Shopping

The Mobile Shopping promotion is aimed at businesses and mailers offering products for sale, especially during the holiday season. The Postal Service designed the promotion to encourage mailers to integrate their direct mail pieces with technologies (e.g., Quick Response Codes, Snap Tags, Watermarks, etc.) that facilitate a convenient online shopping experience for consumers during the holiday season. Marketing Mail letters and flats that contain a barcode, printed command or other technology that allows the user to engage in a mobile shopping experience and meet the promotion's other requirements are eligible for an upfront 2 percent discount during the promotion period from September 1 to December 31, 2022. Aside from the change in the timeframe, the Postal Service has not updated this promotion from Calendar Year 2020.

5. Personalized Color Transpromo

The Personalized Color Transpromo promotion enhances the value of First-Class Mail by encouraging mailers of bills and statements to incorporate color marketing messaging in order to foster a better connection and response from their customers. The promotion is intended to increase the value of First-Class Mail and encourage mailers to invest in color print technology. The Postal Service will provide an upfront 3 percent postage discount to mailers who use dynamic and variable color print for personalized, transpromotional marketing messages on their bills and statements.

Only First-Class Mail presort and automation letters containing bills and statements are eligible for this promotion. The Postal Service will offer this promotion from July 1 through December 31, 2022.

6. Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Engagement

The Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Engagement promotion encourages mailers to drive customer engagement with the mail through the use of advanced print innovations in paper and stock, substrates, inks, interactive elements, and finishing techniques. By incorporating these print elements in a mail campaign, mailers may increase brand recognition and message recall by creating a multi-sensory experience for customers. First-Class Mail letters, cards, and flats and Marketing Mail letters and flats that meet the promotion requirements are eligible for an upfront 4 percent discount off postage during the promotion period from February 1 to July 31, 2022.

G. Preferential Rates

Section 3626 sets forth pricing requirements for certain preferred categories of mail. The Postal Service has complied with these requirements in this rate case, as explained below.

First, Section 3626(a)(3) requires that the prices for Within County Periodicals “reflect [the product’s] preferred status,” as compared to the prices for regular rate Periodicals. The Postal Service continues to recognize the preferential status of Within County Periodicals by keeping its prices below those of regular Outside County Periodicals.

Second, Section 3626(a)(4)(A) requires that Nonprofit and Classroom Periodicals receive, as nearly as practicable, a 5 percent discount from regular rate postage, except for advertising pounds. Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service maintains this rate preference by giving Nonprofit and Classroom pieces a 5 percent discount on all components of postage, except for advertising pounds and ride-along postage.

Third, Section 3626(a)(5) requires that Science of Agriculture Periodicals be given preferential treatment for their advertising pounds. Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service continues to grant these publications advertising pound rates for Destination Delivery Unit, Destination Sectional Center Facility, Destination Area Distribution Center that are 75 percent of the advertising pound rates applicable to regular Outside County Periodicals. Advertising pound prices for Zones 1 & 2 are 54 percent of the rates applicable to regular Outside County Periodicals.

Fourth, Section 3626(a)(6) requires that Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail prices be set to achieve an average revenue per piece that is, as nearly as practicable,

60 percent of the commercial average revenue per piece. The prices set forth in this Notice achieve a revenue per piece ratio of 60.15 percent.⁴⁶ The Postal Service is also keeping nonprofit discounts equal to the comparable commercial discounts.⁴⁷

Fifth, Section 3626(a)(7) requires that the prices for Library Mail be equal, as nearly as practicable, to 95 percent of the prices for Media Mail. This is achieved by setting each Library Mail rate element equal to 95 percent of the corresponding Media Mail rate element. The Postal Service has followed this approach in setting its new prices.

Finally, Section 3626(g)(4) requires that preferential treatment be accorded to the Outside County pieces of a Periodicals publication having fewer than 5,000 Outside County pieces and at least one Within County piece. In conformance with this requirement, the Postal Service is maintaining the “limited circulation” discount that gives these mailers a discount equivalent to the Nonprofit and Classroom Periodicals discount.

In addition to a discussion of Section 3626, Rule 3010.122(g) also requires the Postal Service to discuss how its planned prices are consistent with Sections 3627 and 3629. Neither section is implicated by this rate case, because the Postal Service is not altering the free rates and is not changing the eligibility requirements for nonprofit prices.

⁴⁶ Details of the nonprofit-commercial revenue per piece ratio are contained in CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2021-2.xlsx at Tab: “Price Change Summary.” Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service has calculated this ratio at the class level.

⁴⁷ In all of the USPS Marketing Mail tabs of Attachment B, the Postal Service has added an additional column reflecting the Nonprofit discounts next to the calculation of Commercial discounts.

IV. MCS Changes

Rule 3030.124(d) requires that this Notice be accompanied by a schedule identifying every change to the MCS that will be necessary to implement the planned rate changes. Attachment A shows the new rates and related product description changes incorporated into a revised draft of the market-dominant section of the MCS.⁴⁸

V. Library References

The Postal Service is filing 6 public and 1 nonpublic library references to support this case. Brief descriptions of the library references are contained in the accompanying notices filed with the Commission today. Each library reference contains a preface that explains its contents in more detail.

⁴⁸ Attachment A is based on the March 31, 2021, MCS draft published by the Commission at <https://www.prc.gov/mail-classification-schedule>. The classification changes planned in this filing are shown in legislative format.

ATTACHMENT A

CHANGES TO MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

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(New text is underlined, and deleted text is struck through. “* * * *” indicates material that has been omitted because it contains no changes. All prices are listed in price tables, whether or not they are changing.)

PART A

MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

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MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCT LIST

FIRST-CLASS MAIL*

- Single-Piece Letters/Postcards
- Presorted Letters/Postcards
- Flats
- Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International
- Inbound Letter Post

USPS MARKETING MAIL (COMMERCIAL AND NONPROFIT)*

- High Density and Saturation Letters
- High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels
- Carrier Route
- Letters
- Flats
- Parcels
- Every Door Direct Mail—Retail

PERIODICALS*

- In-County Periodicals
- Outside County Periodicals

PACKAGE SERVICES*

- Alaska Bypass Service
- Bound Printed Matter Flats
- Bound Printed Matter Parcels
- Media Mail/Library Mail

SPECIAL SERVICES*

- Ancillary Services
- International Ancillary Services
- Address Management Services
- Caller Service
- Credit Card Authentication
- International Reply Coupon Service
- International Business Reply Mail Service
- Money Orders
- Post Office Box Service
- Stamp Fulfillment Services

* Organizational class or group (not a Postal Service product)

NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENTS*

Domestic*

International*

Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign
Postal Operators

NONPOSTAL SERVICES*

Alliances with the Private Sector to Defray Cost of Key Postal
Functions

Philatelic Sales

MARKET TESTS*

Plus One

Commercial PO Box Redirect Service

Extended Mail Forwarding

* Organizational class or group (not a Postal Service product)

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MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

The product descriptions provided in this document include information necessary for maintaining the market dominant product list pursuant to the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-435). For specific standards relating to postal products and services, including preparation and mailing requirements, please refer to the latest versions of the Domestic Mail Manual and the International Mail Manual, which are published and maintained by the United States Postal Service (pe.usps.gov).

1100 First-Class Mail**1100.1 Class Description**

- a. Any matter eligible for mailing, except USPS Marketing Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) entered as Customized MarketMail, may, at the option of the mailer, be mailed by First-Class Mail service.
- b. Matter containing personal information, partially or wholly handwritten or typewritten matter, or bills or statements of account must be mailed by First-Class Mail service, unless: (1) it is mailed by Priority Mail Express service or Priority Mail service, (2) it meets the USPS Marketing Mail or Periodicals mail preparation requirements for incidental First-Class Mail attachments or enclosures, or (3) it is otherwise exempt under title 39, United States Code.
- c. First-Class Mail pieces are sealed against postal inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law.
- d. First-Class Mail pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender without additional charge.
- e. An annual mailing fee is required to be paid at each office of mailing by any person who mails at presorted or automation prices (1505.2). Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class Mail price.

1100.2 Products Included in Class

- Single-Piece Letters/Postcards (1105)
- Presorted Letters/Postcards (1110)
- Flats (1115)
- Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (1125)
- Inbound Letter Post (1130)

1105 Single-Piece Letters/Postcards

1105.1 Size and Weight Limitations

Letters

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	3.5 ounces

Postcards

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	6 inches	4.25 inches	0.016 inch	not applicable

1105.2 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Letters	none
Postcards	none

1105.3 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- **Machinable Stamped Letters** – Bear a non-cancelled stamp or postage validation imprint (PVI) indicia, or permit imprint Business Reply Mail
- **Machinable Metered Letters** – Bear postage affixed by meter, information-based indicia (IBI), permit imprint (except Business Reply Mail), or pre-cancelled stamp
- **Nonmachinable Stamped Letters** – Stamped letters that either have an aspect ratio that does not fall between 1 to 1.3 and 1 to 2.5 inclusive or do not meet other machinability requirements
- **Nonmachinable Metered Letters** – Metered letters that either have an aspect ratio that does not fall between 1 to 1.3 and 1 to 2.5 inclusive or do not meet other machinability requirements

- Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) Letters
- Residual Machinable Letters
- Postcards
- Qualified Business Reply Mail (QBRM) Postcards
- Share Mail Letters and Postcards

1105.4 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
 - Certified Mail (1505.5)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Registered Mail (1505.12)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
 - Stamped Envelopes (1505.19)
 - Stamped Cards (1505.20)
 - Premium Stamped Stationery (1505.21)
 - Premium Stamped Cards (1505.22)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
 - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)

1105.5 Prices

Single-Piece Machinable Stamped Letters^{1, 2, 3}

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Machinable Letters (\$)
1	0.58
2	0.78
3	0.98
3.5	1.18

Notes

1. The price for single-piece, one, two, or three ounce letters also applies to sales of Forever stamps and Forever Print-on-Demand indicia at the time of purchase, as specified by the Postal Service.
2. The price for a Forever additional ounce stamp is the difference between the 2-ounce price and the 1-ounce price.
3. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement.

Single-Piece Machinable Metered Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Machinable Letters (\$)
1	0.53
2	0.73
3	0.93
3.5	1.13

Single-Piece Nonmachinable Stamped Letters¹

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Nonmachinable Letters (\$)
1	0.88
2	1.08
3	1.28
3.5	1.48

Notes

1. The prices for single-piece, first-ounce nonmachinable letters also applies to sales of Forever nonmachinable stamps and Forever Print-on-Demand indicia at the time of purchase.

Single-Piece Nonmachinable Metered Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Nonmachinable Letters (\$)
1	0.83
2	1.03
3	1.23
3.5	1.43

Single-Piece QBRM Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	QBRM Letters (\$)
1	0.561
2	0.761

Single-Piece Residual Machinable Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Residual Machinable Letters (\$)
1	0.58 ¹
2	0.58 ¹
3	0.58 ¹
3.5	0.58 ¹

Notes

1. This price applies only to residual machinable letters derived from a mixed weight presort mailing, and only when the residual mailing reflects the weight levels included in the mixed weight presort mailing. In all other cases, single-piece machinable metered letter rates apply.

Single-Piece Postcards^{1, 2}

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Postcards (\$)	Single-Piece Double Card (\$)
not applicable	0.40	0.80

Notes

1. The price for single-piece postcards also applies to sales of stamped cards marked with Forever postage, at the time the stamped cards are purchased. The price also applies to Forever postcard stamps.
2. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement. Such inbound direct entry mail cannot include Single-Piece Double Cards.

Single-Piece QBRM Postcards

Maximum Weight (ounces)	QBRM Postcards (\$)
not applicable	0.381

Share Mail Letters and Postcards^{1, 2}

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Share Mail Letters (\$)	Share Mail Postcards (\$)
1	0.58	0.40

Notes

1. To qualify for Share Mail, customers must meet and comply with all eligibility requirements of the program. Share Mail allows a qualifying customer to distribute pre-approved mailpieces that contain an Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) and that can be mailed without prepayment of postage. Postage is collected when a pre-approved mailpiece is placed in the mailstream and scanned during processing.
2. Customers that are party to a current Alternate Postage Marketing Agreement (Marketing Agreement) as of December 31, 2016 may continue to distribute Alternate Postage mailpieces for the duration of that agreement, per its terms. For all Marketing Agreements, the term "prevailing Alternate Postage rate" shall be synonymous with the prevailing Share Mail rate most recently approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission.

1110 Presorted Letters/Postcards

1110.1 Size and Weight Limitations

Letters

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	3.5 ounces

Postcards

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	6 inches	4.25 inches	0.016 inch	not applicable

1110.2 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Letters	500 pieces per mailing
Postcards	500 pieces per mailing

1110.3 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Automation Letters
 - 5-Digit
 - AADC
 - Mixed AADC
- Nonautomation Presorted Machinable Letters
 - AADC
 - Mixed AADC
- Nonmachinable Letters – Either have an aspect ratio that does not fall between 1 to 1.3 and 1 to 2.5 inclusive or do not meet other machinability requirements
 - 5-Digit
 - 3-Digit
 - Mixed ADC

- Automation Postcards
 - 5-Digit
 - AADC
 - Mixed AADC
- Nonautomation Presorted Machinable Postcards
- Move Update Assessment Charge
- Letters Round-Trip Mailer

1110.4 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certified Mail (1505.5)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
 - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Letters and Automation Postcards Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Letters and Automation Postcards Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022)
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, 2022 ~~2024~~ to August 31, 2022 ~~2024~~)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, 2022 ~~2024~~ to June 30, 2022 ~~2024~~)
- Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion (July 1, 2022 ~~2024~~ to December 31, 2022 ~~2024~~)

- Informed Delivery Promotion (~~August~~ September 1, 2022 to December 31 ~~November 30, 2022~~ 2021)

1110.5 Prices

Automation Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
1	0.426	0.461	0.485
2	0.426	0.461	0.485
3	0.426	0.461	0.485
3.5	0.426	0.461	0.485

Nonautomation Presorted Machinable Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
1	0.461	0.494
2	0.461	0.494
3	0.461	0.494
3.5	0.461	0.494

Nonmachinable Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
1	0.586	0.684	0.794
2	0.586	0.684	0.794
3	0.586	0.684	0.794
3.5	0.586	0.684	0.794

Automation Postcards

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
not applicable	0.306	0.318	0.326

Nonautomation Presorted Machinable Postcards

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Presorted (\$)
not applicable	0.335

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Letter Round-Trip Mailer

- a. Letter Round-Trip Mailer service allows a mailer to send a letter-shaped mailpiece to a subscriber at the applicable Presorted Letters/Postcards price and pay postage for the return of the contents of that mailpiece at the Single Piece Machinable Letters price.
- b. A mailer may either prepay postage for the return mailpiece by using Permit Reply Mail or only pay for mailpieces actually returned by using Business Reply Mail.
- c. Qualifying pieces must contain a standard 12 cm or smaller optical disc.
- d. Qualifying pieces must weigh no more than one (1) ounce.
- e. Returned pieces must be picked up by the mailer at designated Postal Service facilities.
- f. Letter Round-Trip Mailers are not subject to prices for:
 - (i) the Nonmachinable Letters price category of Presorted Letters/Postcards, or
 - (ii) the Single-Piece Nonmachinable Letters price category of Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation letter or automation postcard that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

Add \$0.01 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

*Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion
(February 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022)*

Provide a four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, 2022 ~~2021~~ to August 31, 2022 ~~2021~~)

Provide a two or three percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, 2022 ~~2021~~ to June 30, 2022 ~~2021~~)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must

meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate, registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion (July 1, 2022 ~~2024~~ to December 31, 2022 ~~2024~~)

Provide a three ~~2~~ percent discount on qualifying postage for First-Class Mail presort and automation letters sent during the established program period. All mailpieces must contain bills or statements with dynamic variable color (~~four-color-process~~) messaging. In addition, in mailpieces sent by a prior year's participant the color messaging ~~must~~ may be required to be personalized to the recipient. The color messaging must be on the bill or statement and be for marketing or consumer information purposes. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2022 ~~2024~~ to December 31, 2022 ~~2024~~)

Provide a four ~~2~~ percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail ~~presort or~~ automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1115 Flats

1115.1 Size and Weight Limitations

Flats

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	13 ounces

Letter Shaped Mail Exceeding 3.5 Ounces subject to Flats pricing

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	>3.5 ounces
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	13 ounces

Parcels (Keys and Identification Devices)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	not applicable			none
Maximum	not applicable			2 pounds

1115.2 Minimum Volume Requirements

		Minimum Volume Requirements
Flats	Single-Piece	none
	Presorted	500 pieces per mailing
	Mixed ADC	500 pieces per mailing
	ADC	500 pieces per mailing
	3-Digit	500 pieces per mailing
	5-Digit	500 pieces per mailing
Keys and Identification Devices		none

1115.3 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Automation
 - 5-Digit
 - 3-Digit
 - ADC
 - Mixed ADC
- Presorted
- Single-Piece
- Move Update Assessment Charge
- Flat Round-Trip Mailer
- Keys and Identification Devices—Payment is due on delivery unless an active Business Reply Mail advance deposit account is used.

1115.4 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
 - Certified Mail (1505.5)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Registered Mail (1505.12)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
 - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail option: Automation Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Flats Only
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022)
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2022~~ 2021 to August 31, ~~2022~~ 2021)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2022~~ 2021 to June 30, ~~2022~~ 2021)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (~~August~~ September 1, 2022 ~~2021~~ to ~~December 31~~ November 30, 2022 ~~2021~~)

1115.5 Prices

Automation Flats

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
1	0.555	0.730	0.783	0.891
2	0.755	0.930	0.983	1.091
3	0.955	1.130	1.183	1.291
4	1.155	1.330	1.383	1.491
5	1.355	1.530	1.583	1.691
6	1.555	1.730	1.783	1.891
7	1.755	1.930	1.983	2.091
8	1.955	2.130	2.183	2.291
9	2.155	2.330	2.383	2.491
10	2.355	2.530	2.583	2.691
11	2.555	2.730	2.783	2.891
12	2.755	2.930	2.983	3.091
13	2.955	3.130	3.183	3.291

Presorted Flats

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Presorted (\$)
1	1.000
2	1.200
3	1.400
4	1.600
5	1.800
6	2.000
7	2.200
8	2.400
9	2.600
10	2.800
11	3.000
12	3.200
13	3.400

Single-Piece Flats¹

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Single-Piece (\$)
1	1.160
2	1.360
3	1.560
4	1.760
5	1.960
6	2.160
7	2.360
8	2.560
9	2.760
10	2.960
11	3.160
12	3.360
13	3.560

Notes

1. A handling charge of \$0.01 per piece applies to foreign-origin, inbound direct entry mail tendered by foreign postal operators, subject to the terms of an authorization arrangement.

Keys and Identification Devices

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Keys and Identification Devices (\$)
1	3.75
2	3.95
3	4.15
4	4.35
5	4.55
6	4.75
7	4.95
8	5.15
9	5.35
10	5.55
11	5.75
12	5.95
13	6.15
1 (pound)	Priority Mail Retail Zone 4 postage plus 0.92
2 (pounds)	Priority Mail Retail Zone 4 postage plus 0.92

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Flat Round-Trip Mailer

- a. Flat Round-Trip Mailer service allows a mailer to send a flat-shaped mailpiece to a subscriber at the applicable one (1) ounce Machinable Letter price and pay postage for the return of the contents of that mailpiece at the one (1) ounce Single-Piece Machinable Letter price.
- b. A mailer may either prepay postage for the return mailpiece by using Permit Reply Mail or only pay for mailpieces actually returned by using Business Reply Mail.
- c. Qualifying pieces must contain a standard 12 cm or smaller optical disc.
- d. Pieces weighing no more than two (2) ounces qualify for the one (1) ounce price.
- e. Returned pieces must be picked up by the mailer at designated Postal Service facilities.
- f. Flat Round-Trip Mailers are not subject to prices for:
 - (i) the Nonmachinable Letters price category of Presorted Letters/Postcards, or
 - (ii) the Single-Piece Nonmachinable Letters price category of Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

*Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion
(February 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022)*

Provide a four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2022~~ 2021 to August 31, ~~2022~~ 2021)

Provide a two or three percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in a technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2022~~ 2021 to June 30, ~~2022~~ 2021)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate, registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

Informed Delivery Promotion (~~August~~ ~~September~~ 1, ~~2022~~ 2021 to December 31, ~~2022~~ November 30, 2021)

Provide a four ~~2~~ percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1120 [Reserved]

1125 Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International

1125.1 Description

- a. Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International consists of outbound international letter and flat-shaped pieces (destined for delivery outside of the United States) that are subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention of the Universal Postal Union and that are not entered as Priority Mail International.
- b. Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (except Free Matter for the Blind or Other Physically Handicapped Persons) pieces are sealed against inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law.
- c. Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender.
- d. Prices for international postage generally are segmented into Price Groups with multiple destination countries represented in each Price Group. To identify what Price Group a destination country is in, refer to Country Price Group List for International Mail (4000). The number of Price Groups that exist depends on the category of mail. A particular destination country may fall into different Price Groups for different categories of mail.

1125.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Letters

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	3.5 ounces

Postcards

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	6 inches	4.25 inches	0.016 inch	not applicable

Large Envelopes (Flats)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum and at least one dimension exceeds	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inches	15.994 ounces

1125.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Letters	none
Postcards	none
Large Envelopes	none

1125.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Machinable Letters
 - Price Groups 1-9
- Nonmachinable Letters – Letters that do not meet machinability requirements, regardless of weight
 - Price Groups 1-9
- Postcards – Postcards must be rectangular, made of cardboard or paper, and meet machinability requirements
 - Canada
 - Mexico
 - All Other Countries
- Large Envelopes: Flats – Large Envelopes that meet machinability requirements
 - Price Groups 1-9
- Fee for Return of Undeliverable as Addressed Outbound U.S. Origin Mail Posted through a Foreign Postal Administration or Operator

1125.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- International Ancillary Services (1510)
 - International Certificate of Mailing (1510.1)
 - International Registered Mail (1510.2)
 - International Return Receipt (1510.3)

1125.6 Prices

Machinable Letters¹

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
2	1.30	1.96	2.43	2.43	2.43	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
3	1.83	2.60	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
3.5	2.36	3.25	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.14

Notes

1. International Forever stamps are sold at the price of a single-piece First-Class Mail International first ounce machinable letter and have a postage value equivalent to the price of a single-piece First-Class Mail International first ounce machinable letter in effect at the time of use.

Nonmachinable Letters

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
2	1.60	2.26	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55
3	2.13	2.90	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
3.5	2.66	3.55	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.44

Postcards

Maximum Weight	Canada	Mexico	All Other Countries
(ounces)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
not applicable	1.30	1.30	1.30

Large Envelopes (Flats)

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60
2	2.85	3.38	3.67	3.67	3.67	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.62
3	3.09	4.14	4.73	4.73	4.73	4.61	4.61	4.61	4.61
4	3.31	4.92	5.81	5.81	5.81	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.62
5	3.55	5.69	6.87	6.87	6.87	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.63
6	3.79	6.45	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.64
7	4.03	7.23	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.64
8	4.27	7.99	10.06	10.06	10.06	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.64
12	5.45	9.64	12.20	12.20	12.20	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73
15.994	6.63	11.31	14.33	14.33	14.33	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.80

Fee for Return of Undeliverable as Addressed Outbound U.S. Origin Mail Posted through a Foreign Postal Administration or Operator

A fee is charged for the return of an undeliverable-as-addressed Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International item bearing a U.S. return address which was originally posted to an international addressee through a foreign postal administration, consolidator, or operator. The fee for each returned item is equal to the First-Class Mail International postage which would have been charged if the item had been posted through the Postal Service as First-Class Mail International. The fee is charged to the return addressee.

1130 Inbound Letter Post

1130.1 Description

- a. Inbound Letter Post consists of inbound International pieces (originating outside of the United States and destined for delivery inside of the United States) that contain only documents, and encompass letters (to include aerogrammes and postcards), and large letters. Inbound Letter Post items in transit through the United States from a foreign origin for delivery to a foreign destination are included in the Inbound Letter Post Grouping. Inbound Letter Post includes items for the blind that correspond to the applicable format. Inbound Letter Post includes items for the blind that correspond to the applicable format.
- b. Inbound Letter Post pieces, including transit mail, are sealed against inspection but may be opened by Customs and Border Protection under certain circumstances.
- c. Inbound Letter Post pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender.
- d. Postage and other charges paid by the sender are determined by the country of origin or the designated operator of the country of origin.

1130.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Small Letters (P Format), ~~Small Packets, and Packages~~

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	9.6 inches ¹	6.5 inches ²	0.196 inches ³	3.5 ounces

Notes

1. Postcards subject to maximum of 6 inches; aerogrammes subject to maximum of 8.66 inches.
2. Postcards subject to maximum of 4.25 inches; aerogrammes subject to maximum of 4.33 inches.
3. Postcards subject to maximum of 0.196 inch; aerogrammes subject to maximum of 0.016 inch.

Large Letters (Flats) (G Format)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	none	none
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.787 inches	17.6 ounces

1130.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Small Letters	none
Postcards	none
Large Letters (Flats)	none

1130.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Terminal Dues
 - Small letters, postcards, and large letters

1130.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- International Ancillary Services (1510)
 - Inbound International Registered Mail (1510.2)
 - Inbound International Return Receipt (1510.3)
 - Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee: dutiable items only (1510.4)

1130.6 Prices

Foreign postal operators pay the Postal Service for the delivery of inbound letter post mail at prices, known as terminal dues, as determined by applicable self-declared rates or international agreement.

1200 USPS Marketing Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit)

1200.1 Class Description

- a. Any mailable matter weighing less than 16 ounces may be mailed by USPS Marketing Mail service, except matter that is required to be mailed by First-Class Mail service or copies of a publication that is authorized to be entered as Periodicals mail.
- b. USPS Marketing Mail pieces are not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter by USPS Marketing Mail service constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.
- c. The delivery of USPS Marketing Mail pieces is deferrable.
- d. For a charge, undeliverable-as-addressed USPS Marketing Mail pieces, except Customized MarketMail pieces, may be forwarded and returned at the request of the mailer.
- e. Except for Every Door Direct Mail—Retail, an annual mailing fee is required to be paid at each office of mailing or office of verification by or for mailers of USPS Marketing Mail (1505.2). Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any USPS Marketing Mail price.

Attachments and enclosures

- a. First-Class Mail may be enclosed in or attached to USPS Marketing Mail except for such mail entered as Customized MarketMail under section 1225.3. Additional postage must be paid for the attachment or enclosure as if it had been mailed separately at the applicable First-Class Mail price.
- b. Incidental First-Class Mail attachments and enclosures may be attached to or enclosed within USPS Marketing Mail containing merchandise, but not merchandise samples, with postage paid on the combined pieces at the applicable USPS Marketing Mail price.

Nonprofit only

- a. Mail matter that otherwise qualifies for USPS Marketing Mail service may be mailed at Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail prices if it is entered by an authorized entity and meets the additional eligibility restrictions set forth in the Domestic Mail Manual. The following entities may be authorized by the Postal Service to send USPS Marketing Mail at Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail prices:

- **Religious Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is: (i) to conduct religious worship; (ii) to support the religious activities of nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to conduct religious worship; or (iii) to perform instruction in, to disseminate information about, or otherwise to further the teaching of particular religious faiths or tenets.
- **Educational Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is: (i) the instruction or training of the individual for the purpose of improving or developing his capabilities; or (ii) the instruction of the public on subjects beneficial to the community.

An organization may be educational even though it advocates a particular position or viewpoint so long as it presents a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts to permit an individual or the public to form an independent opinion or conclusion. An organization is not educational if its principal function is the mere presentation of unsupported opinion.

- **Scientific Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is: (i) to conduct research in the applied, pure or natural sciences; or (ii) to disseminate systematized technical information dealing with applied, pure or natural sciences.
- **Philanthropic Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization primarily organized and operated for purposes beneficial to the public. Philanthropic organizations include, but are not limited to, organizations that are organized for: (i) relief of the poor and distressed or of the underprivileged; (ii) advancement of religion; (iii) advancement of education or science; (iv) erection or maintenance of public buildings, monuments, or works; (v) lessening of the burdens of government; (vi) promotion of social welfare by organizations designed to accomplish any of the above purposes or: to lessen neighborhood tensions; to eliminate prejudice and discrimination; to defend human and civil rights secured by law; or to combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.
- **Agricultural Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the betterment of the conditions of those engaged in agriculture pursuits, the improvement of the grade of their products, and the development of a higher degree of efficiency in agriculture. The organization may advance agricultural interests through educational activities; the holding of agricultural fairs; the collection and dissemination of information concerning cultivation of the soil and its fruits or the harvesting of marine resources; the rearing, feeding, and management of livestock, poultry, and bees, or other activities relating to agricultural interests. The term agricultural nonprofit organization also includes any nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the collection and

dissemination of information or materials relating to agricultural pursuits.

- **Labor Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the betterment of the conditions of workers. Labor organizations include, but are not limited to, organizations in which employees or workmen participate, whose primary purpose is to deal with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours of employment and working conditions.
- **Veterans' Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization of veterans of the armed services of the United States, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post or organization.
- **Fraternal Nonprofit.** A nonprofit organization that meets all the following criteria: (i) has as its primary purpose the fostering of brotherhood and mutual benefits among its members; (ii) is organized under a lodge or chapter system with a representative form of government; (iii) follows a ritualistic format; and (iv) is comprised of members who are elected to membership by vote of the members.
- **Qualified political committees.** A national or state committee of a political party, the Republican and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committees, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, and the National Republican Congressional Committee.

National committee means the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the national level.

State committee means the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the state level.

- **State or local voting registration officials** when making a mailing required or authorized by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

1200.2 Products Included in Class

- High Density and Saturation Letters (1205)
- High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels (1210)
- Carrier Route (1215)
- Letters (1220)
- Flats (1225)
- Parcels (1230)
- Every Door Direct Mail—Retail (1235)

1205 High Density and Saturation Letters

1205.1 Description

High Density and Saturation Letters must meet presorting, machinability, addressing, barcoding, walk-sequencing, and other preparation requirements.

1205.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	<16 ounces

1205.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
High Density and Saturation Letters	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing

1205.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Saturation
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Plus
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

1205.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Forwarding-and-Return Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option
- Seamless Incentive
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022)
- Mobile Shopping Promotion (~~August 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021~~ September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

1205.6 Prices

Saturation Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.197	0.117
DNDC	0.176	0.096
DSCF	0.172	0.092

High Density Plus Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.210	0.125
DNDC	0.189	0.104
DSCF	0.185	0.100

High Density Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.239	0.153
DNDC	0.218	0.132
DSCF	0.214	0.128

Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic or automated Address Correction Service, forwarded letters pay ~~\$0.49~~ \$0.52 per piece. All other letters requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.003 for each letter that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a two or three percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate, registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail,

Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

Mobile Shopping Promotion (~~August~~ September 1, 2021 2022 to December 31, 2021 2022)

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats which include, inside or on the mailpiece, a mobile barcode or other qualifying technology that facilitates a mobile optimized shopping experience. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (~~February 1, 2021 2022~~ to July 31, 2021 2022)

Provide a ~~two~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

Provide a ~~2~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1210 High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels

1210.1 Description

High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels must meet presorting, addressing, walk-sequencing, and other preparation requirements.

1210.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Flats

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	<16 ounces

Saturation Parcels (Small and Large)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Small				
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	6 inches	4 inches	1.5 inch	<16 ounces
Large				
Minimum: at least one dimension exceeds	6 inches	4 inches	1.5 inch	none
Maximum	12 inches	9 inches	2 inch	<16 ounces

Letter Shaped Mail that is not machinable or that is not barcoded subject to High Density and Saturation Flats pricing

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	<16 ounces

1210.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing

1210.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Saturation Flats
DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Saturation Parcels
Volume Tiers, with Handling Fees for DNDC/DSCF entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Plus Flats
DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- High Density Flats
DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation Letters
Commercial and Nonprofit Origin, DSCF, and DNDC
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

1210.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Detached Address Labels: – except for Simplified Address flats and Letters
- Forwarding-and-Return Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - USPS Tracking: parcels only (1505.8)
 - Bulk Insurance: parcels only (1505.9)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Flats Only (March 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion: Flats Only (April 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Mobile Shopping Promotion: Flats Only (~~August~~ September 1, 2021 ~~2022~~ to December 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Flats Only (February 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2024~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

1210.6 Prices

Saturation Flats (4.0 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)	
	EDDM	Other	EDDM	Other
Origin	0.235	0.234	0.147	0.146
DNDC	0.196	0.195	0.108	0.107
DSCF	0.189	0.188	0.101	0.100
DDU	0.168	0.167	0.080	0.079

Saturation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)	
	EDDM	Other	EDDM	Other
Per Piece	0.077	0.076	0.032	0.031

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)	
	EDDM	Other	EDDM	Other
Origin	0.630	0.630	0.458	0.458
DNDC	0.474	0.474	0.302	0.302
DSCF	0.447	0.447	0.275	0.275
DDU	0.365	0.365	0.193	0.193

Saturation Parcels

a. Per Piece

Mailing Volume Tier	Commercial		Nonprofit	
	Small (\$)	Large (\$)	Small (\$)	Large (\$)
0-200,000	0.357	0.411	0.268	0.309
200,001 and above	0.343	0.398	0.258	0.299

b. Handling Fees for DNDC/DSCF Entry

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Entry Point/ Presort	Pallet	Pallet
DNDC – 3-Digit	62.492	49.993
DNDC – 5-Digit	101.609	81.287
DSCF – 5-Digit	47.606	38.221
Pallet Presort	Carton/Sack	Carton/Sack
3-Digit	8.510	6.934

High Density Plus Flats (4.0 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.241	0.153
DNDC	0.202	0.114
DSCF	0.195	0.107
DDU	0.174	0.086

High Density Plus Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Per Piece	0.083	0.038

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.630	0.458
DNDC	0.474	0.302
DSCF	0.447	0.275
DDU	0.365	0.193

High Density Flats (4.0 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.258	0.168
DNDC	0.220	0.130
DSCF	0.213	0.123
DDU	0.197	0.107

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)	
	5-Digit Pallet	Other	5-Digit Pallet	Other
Origin	0.279	0.289	0.191	0.201
DNDC	0.240	0.250	0.152	0.162
DSCF	0.233	0.243	0.145	0.155
DDU	0.212	0.222	0.124	0.134

High Density Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Per Piece	0.106	0.059

<u>Entry Point</u>	<u>Commercial (\$)</u>		<u>Nonprofit (\$)</u>	
	<u>5-Digit Pallets</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>5-Digit Pallets</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>Origin</u>	<u>0.121</u>	<u>0.131</u>	<u>0.076</u>	<u>0.086</u>
<u>DNDC</u>	<u>0.121</u>	<u>0.131</u>	<u>0.076</u>	<u>0.086</u>
<u>DSCF</u>	<u>0.121</u>	<u>0.131</u>	<u>0.076</u>	<u>0.086</u>
<u>DDU</u>	<u>0.121</u>	<u>0.131</u>	<u>0.076</u>	<u>0.086</u>

b. Per Pound

<u>Entry Point</u>	<u>Commercial (\$)</u>	<u>Nonprofit (\$)</u>
<u>Origin</u>	<u>0.609</u>	<u>0.437</u>
<u>DNDC</u>	<u>0.454</u>	<u>0.282</u>
<u>DSCF</u>	<u>0.426</u>	<u>0.254</u>
<u>DDU</u>	<u>0.365</u>	<u>0.193</u>

<u>Entry Point</u>	<u>Commercial (\$)</u>		<u>Nonprofit (\$)</u>	
	<u>5-Digit Pallets</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>5-Digit Pallets</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>Origin</u>	<u>0.630</u>	<u>0.630</u>	<u>0.458</u>	<u>0.458</u>
<u>DNDC</u>	<u>0.474</u>	<u>0.474</u>	<u>0.302</u>	<u>0.302</u>
<u>DSCF</u>	<u>0.447</u>	<u>0.447</u>	<u>0.275</u>	<u>0.275</u>
<u>DDU</u>	<u>0.365</u>	<u>0.365</u>	<u>0.193</u>	<u>0.193</u>

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation Letters
(4.0 ounces or less) Commercial and Nonprofit

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density letter-shaped pieces that weigh 4.0 ounces or less must pay the piece prices shown in the applicable Saturation (Other prices, not EDDM prices), High Density Plus, and High Density Flats (Commercial and Nonprofit) price tables (1210.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

*Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Nonautomation Letters
(more than 4.0 ounces) Commercial and Nonprofit*

Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density letter-shaped pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the piece and pound prices shown in the applicable Saturation (Other prices, not EDDM prices), High Density Plus, and High Density Flats (Commercial and Nonprofit) price tables (1210.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Flat-shaped pieces including a Detached Address Label

Add ~~\$0.055~~ \$0.065 for each piece addressed using a Detached Address Label with no advertising, and ~~\$0.060~~ \$0.070 for each piece using a Detached Address Label containing advertising (Detached Marketing Label).

Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded flats pay ~~\$1.60~~ \$1.74 per piece and forwarded parcels pay ~~\$4.99~~ \$5.42 per piece. All other pieces requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each high density flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: High Density and High Density Plus Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Flats Only (March 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion: Flats Only (April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2022)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate, registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

*Mobile Shopping Promotion: Flats Only (~~August~~ September 1, 2021 2022
to December 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)*

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats which include, inside or on the mailpiece, a mobile barcode or other qualifying technology that facilitates a mobile optimized shopping experience. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Flats Only (~~February 1, 2021~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a ~~two~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

*Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~
August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)*

Provide a ~~2~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1215 Carrier Route

1215.1 Description

Carrier Route must meet presorting, machinability, addressing, barcoding, walk-sequencing, and other preparation requirements.

1215.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Letters

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	<16 ounces

Flats

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	<16 ounces

Parcels (Small and Large)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Small				
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	6 inches	4 inches	1.5 inch	<16 ounces
Large				
Minimum: at least one dimension exceeds	6 inches	4 inches	1.5 inch	none
Maximum	12 inches	9 inches	2 inch	<16 ounces

1215.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Carrier Route	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing

1215.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Letters
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Flats
DDU, DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Parcels
Volume Tiers, with Handling Fee for DNDC/DSCF entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

1215.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - USPS Tracking: parcels only (1505.8)
 - Bulk Insurance: parcels only (1505.9)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Letters and Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Letters and Flats Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only

- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (March 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (April 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Mobile Shopping Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 ~~August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024~~)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (February 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 ~~September 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024~~)

1215.6 Prices

Carrier Route Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Origin	0.332	0.246
DNDC	0.311	0.225
DSCF	0.308	0.222

Carrier Route Letters weighing greater than 3.5 ounces, but not more than 4.0 ounces

Carrier Route letter-shaped pieces that weigh more than 3.5 ounces, but not more than 4.0 ounces, must pay the prices shown in the “Carrier Route Flats (4.0 ounces or less)” price tables (1215.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

Carrier Route Letters weighing greater than 4.0 ounces

Carrier Route letter-shaped pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the per piece and per pound prices shown in the “Carrier Route Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)” price tables (1215.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

Carrier Route Flats (4.0 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)		
	5-Digit Pallet	Other	5-Digit Pallet	Other	
Origin	0.332	0.353	0.244	0.265	
DNDC	0.288	0.309	0.200	0.221	
DSCF	0.276	0.297	0.188	0.209	
DDU	0.268	0.289	0.180	0.201	

Carrier Route Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)		
	5-Digit Pallets	Other	5-Digit Pallets	Other	
Origin	0.126	0.147	0.080	0.101	
DNDC	0.126	0.147	0.080	0.101	
DSCF	0.126	0.147	0.080	0.101	
DDU	0.126	0.147	0.080	0.101	

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial (\$)		Nonprofit (\$)		
	5-Digit Pallets	Other	5-Digit Pallets	Other	
Origin	0.822	0.822	0.654	0.654	
DNDC	0.647	0.647	0.479	0.479	
DSCF	0.598	0.598	0.430	0.430	
DDU	0.566	0.566	0.398	0.398	

Carrier Route Parcels

a. Per Piece

Mailing Volume Tier	Commercial		Nonprofit	
	Small (\$)	Large (\$)	Small (\$)	Large (\$)
0-200,000	0.495	0.547	0.370	0.411
200,001 and above	0.479	0.533	0.361	0.401

b. Handling Fees for DNDC/DSCF Entry

	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Entry Point/ Presort	Pallet	Pallet
DNDC – 3-Digit	62.492	49.993
DNDC – 5-Digit	101.609	81.287
DSCF – 5-Digit	47.606	38.221
Pallet Presort	Carton/Sack	Carton/Sack
3-Digit	8.510	6.934

Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic or automated Address Correction Service, forwarded letters pay ~~\$0.49~~ \$0.52 per piece, forwarded flats pay ~~\$1.60~~ \$1.74 per piece, and forwarded parcels pay ~~\$4.99~~ \$5.42 per piece. All other pieces requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each carrier route letter or flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

*Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion: Letters and Flats Only
(March 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)*

Provide a two or three percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate,

registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

Mobile Shopping Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (~~August 1, 2021~~ September 1, 2021 to December 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats which include, inside or on the mailpiece, a mobile barcode or other qualifying technology that facilitates a mobile optimized shopping experience. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion: Letters and Flats Only (February 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a ~~two~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

Provide a 2 percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail ~~presort or~~ automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1220 Letters

1220.1 Description

Letters must meet presorting, machinability, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements.

1220.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	<16 ounces

1220.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Letters	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing

1220.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Automation
 - 5-Digit
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - AADC
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - Mixed AADC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Machinable
 - AADC
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - Mixed AADC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible

- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

1220.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Letters Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Letters Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022)
- Mobile Shopping Promotion (~~August~~ September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)
- Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

1220.6 Prices

Automation Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial			Nonprofit		
	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)	5-Digit (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
Origin	0.277	0.309	0.330	0.146	0.178	0.199
DNDC	0.256	0.288	0.309	0.125	0.157	0.178
DSCF	0.250	0.282	n/a	0.119	0.151	n/a

Machinable Letters (3.5 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial		Nonprofit	
	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)	AADC (\$)	Mixed AADC (\$)
Origin	0.323	0.336	0.192	0.205
DNDC	0.302	0.315	0.171	0.184
DSCF	0.296	n/a	0.165	n/a

Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic or automated Address Correction Service, forwarded letters pay ~~\$0.49~~ \$0.52 per piece. All other letters requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Letters Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation letter that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Automation Letters Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Picture Permit Imprint Indicia

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate, registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

*Mobile Shopping Promotion (~~August~~ September 1, 2021 2022 to
December 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)*

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats which include, inside or on the mailpiece, a mobile barcode or other qualifying technology that facilitates a mobile optimized shopping experience. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

*Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion
(February 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022)*

Provide a ~~two~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

*Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~
August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)*

Provide a 2 percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1225 Flats

1225.1 Description

Flats must meet presorting, machinability, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements.

1225.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Automation and Nonautomation Flats

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	<16 ounces

Nonautomation Letters

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	<16 ounces

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	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum ¹	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	3.3 ounces

Notes

1. Measured for nonrectangular shapes as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.

1225.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Flats	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing

1225.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Automation
 - 5-Digit
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - 3-Digit
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - ADC
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - Mixed ADC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Nonmachinable Letters
 - 5-Digit
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - 3-Digit
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - ADC
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - Mixed ADC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible

- Nonautomation
 - Commercial and Nonprofit eligible 5-Digit DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - 3-Digit DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - ADC DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - Mixed ADC DNDC and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Customized MarketMail
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge
- Move Update Assessment Charge

1225.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation Flats Only
- Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only
- Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to August 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Mobile Shopping Promotion (~~August~~ September 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to December 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)
- Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, ~~2024~~ 2022 to July 31, ~~2024~~ 2022)

- Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

1225.6

Prices

Automation Flats (4.0 ounces or less)

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.482	0.640	0.729	0.798
DNDC	0.413	0.571	0.660	0.729
DSCF	0.403	0.561	0.650	n/a

Nonprofit				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.278	0.436	0.525	0.594
DNDC	0.209	0.367	0.456	0.525
DSCF	0.199	0.357	0.446	n/a

Automation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.219	0.377	0.466	0.535
DNDC	0.219	0.377	0.466	0.535
DSCF	0.219	0.377	0.466	n/a
Nonprofit				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.053	0.211	0.300	0.369
DNDC	0.053	0.211	0.300	0.369
DSCF	0.053	0.211	0.300	n/a

b. Per Pound

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	1.052	1.052	1.052	1.052
DNDC	0.776	0.776	0.776	0.776
DSCF	0.734	0.734	0.734	n/a

Nonprofit				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
DNDC	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.624
DSCF	0.582	0.582	0.582	n/a

Nonautomation Flats (4.0 ounces or less)

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.573	0.697	0.759	0.825
DNDC	0.504	0.628	0.690	0.756
DSCF	0.494	0.618	0.680	n/a

Nonprofit				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.369	0.493	0.555	0.621
DNDC	0.300	0.424	0.486	0.552
DSCF	0.290	0.414	0.476	n/a

Nonautomation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.310	0.434	0.496	0.562
DNDC	0.310	0.434	0.496	0.562
DSCF	0.310	0.434	0.496	n/a
Nonprofit				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.144	0.268	0.330	0.396
DNDC	0.144	0.268	0.330	0.396
DSCF	0.144	0.268	0.330	n/a

b. Per Pound

Commercial				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	1.052	1.052	1.052	1.052
DNDC	0.776	0.776	0.776	0.776
DSCF	0.734	0.734	0.734	n/a

Nonprofit				
Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Origin	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
DNDC	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.624
DSCF	0.582	0.582	0.582	n/a

Nonmachinable Letters Commercial and Nonprofit (4.0 ounces or less)

Nonmachinable Letters pieces that weigh 4.0 ounces or less must pay the prices shown in the “Nonautomation Flats (4.0 ounces or less)” price tables (1225.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

Nonmachinable Letters Commercial and Nonprofit (greater than 4.0 ounces)

Nonmachinable Letters pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the prices shown in the “Nonautomation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)” price tables (1225.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.

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	Commercial (\$)	Nonprofit (\$)
Per Piece	0.535	0.395

Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

Move Update Assessment Charge

Add \$0.08 per assessed piece, for mailpieces that fail Move Update verification under the Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, with more than 0.5 percent for mailpieces submitted by a mailer in a calendar month having COA errors, and which cannot demonstrate compliance with Move Update requirements.

Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded flats pay ~~\$1.60~~ \$1.74 per piece. All other flats requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation Flats Only

Subtract \$0.003 for each automation flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Automation Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Picture Permit Imprint Indicia: Letters Only

Add \$0.021 for each piece that includes Picture Permit Imprint Indicia.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion (March 1, 2021 2022 to August 31, 2021 2022)

Provide a two or three percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which either include affixed or embedded technology that allows the recipient to engage in technological experience, or were automatically generated by the recipient's applicable online activities. Mailers will receive a discount based on the complexity of the technology involved

and its perceived benefit to the recipient. Qualifying mail utilizing technology with low barriers to entry will receive a two percent discount, while technology featuring high barriers to entry will receive a three percent discount. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (April 1, 2021 2022 to June 30, 2021 2022)

Provide a \$0.02 per piece rebate for each qualifying Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and Share Mail piece. Qualifying mailpieces must meet program requirements and be placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the program period. To receive the rebate, registered customers must have distributed a Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, or Share Mail card or envelope, and must comply with all other eligibility requirements of the program. Mailers who have satisfied the Earned Value promotion requirements may apply the credit toward future mailings of First-Class Mail cards, letters, and flats and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats.

Mobile Shopping Promotion (August September 1, 2021 2022 to December 31, 2021 2022)

Provide a two percent discount on the qualifying postage for USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats which include, inside or on the mailpiece, a mobile barcode or other qualifying technology that facilitates a mobile optimized shopping experience. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Tactile, Sensory, and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion (February 1, 2021 2022 to July 31, 2021 2022)

Provide a two or three percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats that incorporate scent, sound, visual, textural, dimensional, or other qualifying enhancements. To receive the discount, the qualifying mail must be sent during the established program period by mailers that comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

Informed Delivery Promotion (~~September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021~~ August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

Provide a ~~2~~ four percent discount on the qualifying postage for First-Class Mail automation letters, postcards, and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that are sent during the established program period, and which incorporate Informed Delivery campaigns as a

component of their mailings. To receive the discount, mailers must comply with the eligibility requirements of the program.

1230 Parcels

1230.1 Description

Parcels must meet presorting, addressing, barcoding, and other preparation requirements.

1230.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Marketing Parcels

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum ¹	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.009 inch	none
Maximum	12 inches	9 inches	2 inch	<16 ounces

Nonprofit Machinable and Irregular Parcels

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	108 inches in combined length and girth			<16 ounces

1230.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Marketing Parcels	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing

1230.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Marketing Parcels
 - 5-Digit
DDU, DSCF, and DNDC entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - SCF
DSCF and DNDC entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - NDC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
 - Mixed NDC
Origin entry level
Commercial and Nonprofit eligible
- Nonprofit Machinable Parcels
 - 5-Digit
DDU, DSCF, and DNDC entry levels
 - NDC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
 - Mixed NDC
Origin entry level
- Nonprofit Irregular Parcels – Do not meet the machinability requirements for machinable parcels
 - 5-Digit
DDU, DSCF, and DNDC entry levels
 - SCF
DSCF, DNDC, and Origin entry levels
 - NDC
DNDC and Origin entry levels
 - Mixed NDC
Origin entry level
- Move Update Noncompliance Charge

1230.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Forwarding-and-Return Services
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Bulk Parcel Return Service (1505.4)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - USPS Tracking (1505.8)
 - Bulk Insurance (1505.9)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Shipper-Paid Forwarding: parcels only (1505.16)

1230.6 Prices

Marketing Parcels (3.3 ounces or less)

Entry Point	Commercial				Nonprofit			
	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Origin	n/a	n/a	1.712	2.088	n/a	n/a	1.548	1.924
DNDC	1.057	1.349	1.643	n/a	0.893	1.185	1.479	n/a
DSCF	0.981	1.273	n/a	n/a	0.817	1.109	n/a	n/a
DDU	0.887	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.723	n/a	n/a	n/a

Marketing Parcels (greater than 3.3 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	Commercial				Nonprofit			
	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Per Piece	0.800	1.092	1.386	1.762	0.682	0.974	1.268	1.644

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	Commercial				Nonprofit			
	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC	5-Digit	SCF	NDC	Mixed NDC
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Origin	n/a	n/a	1.582	1.582	n/a	n/a	1.359	1.359
DNDC	1.245	1.245	1.245	n/a	1.022	1.022	1.022	n/a
DSCF	0.878	0.878	n/a	n/a	0.655	0.655	n/a	n/a
DDU	0.422	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.199	n/a	n/a	n/a

Nonprofit Machinable Parcels Prices (3.5 ounces or more)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

	5-Digit (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Per Piece	0.835	1.311	1.673

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Origin	n/a	1.410	1.410
DNDC	1.115	1.115	n/a
DSCF	0.425	n/a	n/a
DDU	0.285	n/a	n/a

Nonprofit Irregular Parcels (3.3 ounces or less)

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	SCF (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Origin	n/a	n/a	2.058	2.308
DNDC	1.065	1.448	1.997	n/a
DSCF	0.923	1.306	n/a	n/a
DDU	0.894	n/a	n/a	n/a

Nonprofit Irregular Parcels (greater than 3.3 ounces)

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Per Piece

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	SCF (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Per Piece	0.835	1.218	1.767	2.017

b. Per Pound

Entry Point	5-Digit (\$)	SCF (\$)	NDC (\$)	Mixed NDC (\$)
Origin	n/a	n/a	1.410	1.410
DNDC	1.115	1.115	1.115	n/a
DSCF	0.425	0.425	n/a	n/a
DDU	0.285	n/a	n/a	n/a

Move Update Noncompliance Charge

Add \$0.07 per piece in a mailing that does not comply with the Move Update standards.

Forwarding-and-Return Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded parcels pay ~~\$4.99~~ \$5.42 per piece. All other parcels requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate First-Class Package Service or Priority Mail price for the piece multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Non-barcoded Parcels Surcharge

For non-barcoded parcels, add \$0.041 per piece. The surcharge does not apply to pieces sorted to 5-Digit ZIP Codes.

1235 Every Door Direct Mail—Retail

1235.1 Description

Every Door Direct Mail—Retail must meet addressing and other mail preparation requirements.

1235.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Flats

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	10.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	3.3 ounces

1235.3 Volume Requirements

	Volume Requirements	
Every Door Direct Mail—Retail	Minimum:	At least all addresses on one carrier route or box section, but not fewer than 200 pieces, unless there are fewer than 200 pieces in the entire ZIP Code, in which case the minimum is all available addresses within the ZIP Code
	Maximum:	5,000 pieces per ZIP Code

1235.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Saturation Flats (3.3 ounces or less)
 - DDU entry level
-

1235.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- None

1235.6 Prices

Saturation Flats (3.3 ounces or less)

Entry Point	(\$)
DDU	0.202

1300 Periodicals**1300.1 Class Description**

- a. Aailable newspaper or other periodical publication must be authorized by the Postal Service to be mailed as Periodicals mail. An authorized publication must meet the qualifying criteria authorized by law, including:
 - The publication must be regularly issued at stated intervals at least four times a year, bear a date of issue, and be numbered consecutively;
 - The publication must maintain a known office of publication serviced by the original entry post office;
 - The publication must be formed of printed sheets; and
 - The publication must meet applicable editorial content, circulation, advertising, and other requirements of one of the following qualification categories established by law and as set forth by the Postal Service: general publications, requester publications, publications of institutions and societies, publications of state departments of agriculture, and foreign publications.
- b. Periodicals pieces are not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as Periodicals mail constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.
- c. Use of Address Correction Service is mandatory with Periodicals mail, except for pieces using an alternative addressing format.
- d. Periodicals mail must meet presort preparation requirements.
- e. Periodicals pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed will be forwarded, or returned to the mailer, or disposed of under conditions specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- f. An application fee to mail at Periodicals prices is required (1505.2).

Attachments and enclosures

- a. Periodicals mail may contain attachments, enclosures, and supplements under conditions set by the Postal Service, including when postage may be paid on the combined piece at the applicable price for the host piece, and when postage must be paid as if each component had been mailed separately.

- b. A limit of one USPS Marketing Mail “Ride-Along” attachment or enclosure, not exceeding 3.3 ounces or the weight of the host copy, may be included in an individual copy of Periodicals mail for an additional postage payment under conditions specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.

1300.2 Products Included in Class

- In-County Periodicals (1305)
- Outside County Periodicals (1310)

1305 In-County Periodicals

1305.1 Description

All In-County Periodicals prices are available for eligible Periodicals copies entered within the county where published, for delivery to addresses within that county, under conditions (including circulation requirements), as authorized by law and specified in the Domestic Mail Manual. Those copies of an issue of a publication entered within the county in which it is published, but distributed outside such county on postal carrier routes originating in the county of publication, shall be treated as if they were distributed within the county of publication.

1305.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum ¹	108 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds

Notes

1. Lower size and weight limits apply to individual In-County Periodicals price categories.

1305.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
In-County	none

1305.4 Price Categories

Pound Price

The pound price applies to all In-County mail. The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- DDU
- Non-DDU

Piece Price

The piece price applies to all In-County mail. DDU discounts are available for each addressed piece. The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Automation Letters and Flats
 - 5-Digit
 - 3-Digit
 - Basic
- Nonautomation Letters, Flats, and Parcels
 - Carrier Route – Saturation
 - Carrier Route – High Density
 - Carrier Route – Basic
 - 5-Digit
 - 3-Digit
 - Basic

1305.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ride-Along
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Automation or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Automation or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only

1305.6 Prices

In-County Automation

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Entry Point	Price (\$)
DDU	0.156
Non-DDU	0.204

b. Piece Prices (per addressed piece)

Presort Level	Letters (\$)	Flats (\$)
5-Digit	0.059	0.140
3-Digit	0.081	0.182
Basic	0.081	0.200

In-County Nonautomation

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Entry Point	Price (\$)
DDU	0.156
Non-DDU	0.204

b. Piece Prices (per addressed piece)

Presort Level	Letters, Flats, and Parcels (\$)
Carrier Route Saturation	0.039
Carrier Route High Density	0.055
Carrier Route Basic	0.076
5-Digit	0.184
3-Digit	0.228
Basic	0.257

Worksharing Discount for DDU

Each DDU entered piece receives a discount of \$0.008.

In-County Periodicals including a Ride-Along piece

Add ~~\$0.180~~ \$0.181 for a Ride-Along item enclosed with or attached to an In-County Periodical.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.001 for each automation or Carrier Route letter or flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Automation or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option

1310 Outside County Periodicals

1310.1 Description

- a. All Periodicals mail not qualifying as In-County Periodicals pays Outside County Periodicals prices.
- b. Certain Outside County Periodicals of limited circulation qualify for a discount as authorized by law.
- c. Certain Periodicals are separately authorized as Nonprofit, Classroom, or Science of Agriculture publications.
 - Nonprofit publications are entered by eligible nonprofit organizations or other entities. Nonprofit publications qualify for a discount on all components of postage except the advertising pound price, as authorized by law.
 - Classroom publications are religious, educational, or scientific publications designed specifically for use in school classrooms or religious instruction classes. Classroom publications qualify for a discount on all components of postage except the advertising pound price, as authorized by law.
 - Science of Agriculture publications that meet the rural area distribution requirements qualify for lower advertising pound prices, as authorized by law.

1310.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum ¹	108 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds

Notes

1. Additional size and weight limits apply to individual Outside County Periodicals price categories.

1310.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Outside County	none

1310.4 Price Categories

Pound Price

The pound price applies to all Outside County mail and is calculated based on the percentage of advertising and editorial content. Separate prices apply to advertising and editorial content and the pound price is the sum of the two. Publications authorized to mail at the Science of Agriculture rates may qualify for lower advertising pound prices than other Outside County mail. The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Advertising
DDU, DSCF, DADC, Zones 1-9
- Editorial
DDU, DSCF, DADC, All Other

Piece Price

The piece price applies to all Outside County mail. An editorial adjustment factor is available for each percentage of editorial content. The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Carrier Route Letters, Flats, and Parcels
 - Saturation
 - High Density
 - Basic
- Barcoded Letters
5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC preparation levels
- Machinable Flats and Nonbarcoded Letters
 - Barcoded Flats
5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC preparation levels
 - Nonbarcoded Flats and Nonbarcoded Letters
5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC preparation levels
- Nonmachinable Flats and Parcels
 - Barcoded Flats
5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC preparation levels
 - Nonbarcoded Flats and All Parcels
5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC preparation levels

Bundle Price

The bundle price applies to all Outside County mail prepared in bundles. The price paid for a bundle depends on the presort level of the container holding the bundle. For bundles containing both Periodicals and USPS Marketing Mail pieces, the bundle price is multiplied by the proportion of pieces in the bundle that are Periodicals pieces. Firm bundles have all pieces destined for one address. The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Firm (bundle level)
Carrier Route, 5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC container levels
- Carrier Route (bundle level)
Carrier Route, 5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC container levels
- 5-Digit (bundle level)
5-Digit, 3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC container levels
- 3-Digit/SCF (bundle level)
3-Digit/SCF, ADC, Mixed ADC container levels
- ADC (bundle level)
ADC, Mixed ADC container levels
- Mixed ADC (bundle level)
Mixed ADC container level

Container Price

The container price applies to all Outside County mail prepared in trays, sacks, pallets, or other containers. For containers containing both Periodicals and USPS Marketing Mail pieces, the container price is multiplied by the proportion of weight on the container contributed by the Periodicals pieces. The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- a. Pallet Container Price
 - Carrier Route
DDU, DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - 5-Digit
DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels

- 3-Digit/SCF
DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
- ADC
DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
- Mixed ADC
Origin entry level
- b. Sack Container Price
 - Carrier Route/5-Digit
DDU, DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - 3-Digit/SCF
DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - ADC
DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - Mixed ADC
Origin entry level
- c. Tray Container Price
 - Carrier Route/5-Digit
DDU, DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - 3-Digit/SCF
DSCF, DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - ADC
DADC, DNDC, Origin entry levels
 - Mixed ADC
Origin entry level

1310.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ride-Along
- Full-service Intelligent Mail Option: Barcoded or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only
- Seamless Incentive: Barcoded or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only

1310.6 Prices

Charges are computed by adding the appropriate per-piece charge, per-bundle charge, per-sack charge, and per-pallet charge to the sum of the editorial (nonadvertising) pound portion and the advertising pound portion, as applicable.

Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Entry Level or Zone	Regular		Science of Agriculture	
	Advertising (\$)	Editorial (\$)	Advertising (\$)	Editorial (\$)
DDU	0.120	0.088	0.090	0.088
DSCF	0.176	0.132	0.132	0.132
DADC	0.188	0.141	0.141	0.141
Zones 1 & 2	0.292	0.157	0.159	0.157
Zone 3	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 4	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 5	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 6	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 7	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 8	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 9	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157

Piece Price (per addressed piece)

a. Carrier Route Letters, Flats, and Parcels

Bundle Level	Letters, Flats, and Parcels (\$)
Saturation	0.167
High Density	0.185
Basic	0.218

b. Barcoded Letters

Bundle Level	Barcoded Letters (\$)
5-Digit	0.309
3-Digit/SCF	0.333
ADC	0.333
Mixed ADC	0.352

c. Machinable Flats and Nonbarcoded Letters

Bundle Level	Barcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Letters (\$)
5-Digit	0.381	0.394	0.394
3-Digit/SCF	0.485	0.513	0.513
ADC	0.525	0.566	0.566
Mixed ADC	0.579	0.633	0.633

d. Nonmachinable Flats and Parcels

Bundle Level	Barcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Flats (\$)	Parcels (\$)
5-Digit	0.543	0.545	0.545
3-Digit/SCF	0.630	0.632	0.632
ADC	0.671	0.679	0.679
Mixed ADC	0.779	0.781	0.781

e. Editorial Adjustment

A per-piece editorial adjustment is provided by subtracting \$0.00112 for each 1 percent of editorial (nonadvertising) content from the applicable piece price.

f. Firm Bundle Piece Price

Firm bundles are charged a single-piece price of \$0.210.

Bundle Prices (per bundle)

Bundle Level	Container Level				
	Carrier Route (\$)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
Firm	0.151	0.151	0.393	0.437	0.625
Carrier Route	0.191	0.191	0.675	0.888	1.138
5-Digit		0.393	0.458	0.571	0.846
3-Digit/SFC			0.400	0.521	0.800
ADC				0.415	0.683
Mixed ADC					0.224

Container Prices (per pallet, tray, or sack)

a. Pallet Container

Entry Point	Carrier Route (\$)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
DDU	3.062				
DSCF	28.883	45.790	28.339		
DADC	53.382	70.651	54.131	29.208	
DNDC	53.970	71.247	54.438	53.206	
Origin	76.364	93.972	76.037	75.652	13.394

b. Sack Container

Entry Point	Carrier Route/ 5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
DDU	1.549			
DSCF	2.310	1.374		
DADC	2.923	2.284	1.335	
DNDC	3.158	2.384	2.345	
Origin	4.287	3.454	3.502	1.198

Tray Container

Entry Point	Carrier Route/ 5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit/SCF (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC (\$)
DDU	1.434			
DSCF	2.140	1.247		
DADC	2.923	2.284	1.335	
DNDC	3.158	2.384	2.345	
Origin	4.287	3.454	3.502	1.198

Outside County Periodicals including a Ride-Along piece

Add ~~\$0.180~~ \$0.181 for a Ride-Along item enclosed with or attached to an Outside County Periodical.

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.001 for each barcoded or Carrier Route letter or flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Seamless Incentive: Barcoded or Carrier Route Letters and Flats Only

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

Publications eligible for Nonprofit and Classroom price categories

Publications qualified as Nonprofit, Classroom, and Limited Circulation receive a 5 percent discount on all components of postage except advertising pounds.

The 5 percent discount does not apply to commingled nonsubscriber, nonrequestor, complimentary, and sample copies in excess of the 10 percent allowance, or to Science of Agriculture mail.

The advertising pound price is not applicable to qualifying Nonprofit and Classroom publications containing 10 percent or less advertising content.

1400 Package Services

1400.1 Class Description

- a. Any mailable matter may be mailed as Package Services mail, except matter required to be mailed: (1) by First-Class Mail service; (2) as Customized MarketMail pieces; or (3) copies of a publication that are required to be entered as Periodicals mail.
- b. Package Services pieces are not sealed against postal inspection. Mailing of matter as Package Services mail constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.
- c. Package Services mail may receive deferred service.
- d. Package Services pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed will be forwarded on request of the addressee, or forwarded and returned on request of the mailer, subject to the applicable single-piece Package Services mail price when forwarded or returned. Pieces which combine domestic Package Services mail with First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces will be forwarded if undeliverable-as-addressed, and returned if undeliverable.

Attachments and enclosures

- a. First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail pieces may be attached to or enclosed in Package Services mail. Additional postage may be required.
- b. Package Services mail may have limited written additions placed on the wrapper, on a tag or label attached to the outside of the parcel, or inside the parcel, either loose or attached to the article.

1400.2 Products Included in Class

- Alaska Bypass Service (1405)
- Bound Printed Matter Flats (1415)
- Bound Printed Matter Parcels (1420)
- Media Mail/Library Mail (1425)

1405 Alaska Bypass Service

1405.1 Description

Subject to applicable FAA regulations, all appropriate palletized mail may be sent intra-Alaska from designated “hub points” to designated “bush points” via Alaska Bypass Service.

1405.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	none			1,000 pounds
Maximum	40 inches x 48 inches x 77 inches			2,200 pounds

1405.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Single-Pallet	none

1405.4 Price Categories

- Alaska Bypass
 - Zones 1-2

1405.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

None

1405.6 Prices

Alaska Bypass

Prices are calculated by dividing the total weight of the shipment by 70 (subject to the maximum weight restriction) and multiplying the result (rounded to the nearest one-hundredth) by the appropriate Alaska Bypass price for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	
70	29.24	

1415 Bound Printed Matter Flats

1415.1 Description

- a. Package Services mail weighing not more than 15 pounds may be sent as Bound Printed Matter Flats if it meets all of the following:
- Consists of advertising, promotional, directory, or editorial material (or any combination of such material);
 - Is securely bound by permanent fastenings such as staples, spiral binding, glue, or stitching. Loose-leaf binders and similar fastenings are not considered permanent;
 - Consists of sheets of which at least 90 percent are imprinted by any process other than handwriting or typewriting with words, letters, characters, figures, or images (or any combination of them);
 - Does not have the nature of personal correspondence; and
 - Is not stationery, such as pads of blank printed forms.
- b. An annual mailing fee is required to be paid at each office of mailing or office of verification by or for mailers of destination-entered Bound Printed Matter Flats (1505.2). Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any destination-entered Bound Printed Matter price.
- c. Postage must be paid by permit imprint only.

1415.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum and at least one dimension exceeds	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inch	15 pounds

1415.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

		Minimum Volume Requirements
Flats	Nonpresorted	none
	Presorted	300 pieces per mailing
	Carrier Route	300 pieces per mailing

1415.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Carrier Route
 - Destination Entry
 - Other than Destination Entry
- Presorted
 - Destination Entry
 - Other than Destination Entry
- Nonpresorted

1415.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
 - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Full-service Intelligent Mail option: presorted or Carrier Route barcoded flats only
- Forwarding-and-Return Service
- Seamless Incentive

1415.6 Prices

Carrier Route

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

1. Destination Entry

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC Zone 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
Per Piece	0.443	0.623	1.066	1.066	1.066	1.066
Per Pound	0.024	0.044	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

2. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zone 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zones 8 & 9 (\$)
Per Piece	1.177	1.177	1.177	1.177	1.177	1.177	1.177
Per Pound	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Presorted

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

1. Destination Entry¹

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC Zone 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
Per Piece	0.595	0.775	1.218	1.218	1.218	1.218
Per Pound	0.024	0.044	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

2. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zone 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zones 8 & 9 (\$)
Per Piece	1.329	1.329	1.329	1.329	1.329	1.329	1.329
Per Pound	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Notes

1. DDU price is not available for presorted flats that weigh 1 pound or less.

Nonpresorted

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zone 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zones 8 & 9 (\$)
1.0	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23
1.5	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35
2.0	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48
2.5	2.62	2.62	2.62	2.62	2.62	2.62	2.62
3.0	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76
3.5	2.91	2.91	2.91	2.91	2.91	2.91	2.91
4.0	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08
4.5	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.24
5.0	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42
6.0	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61
7.0	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81
8.0	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02
9.0	4.24	4.24	4.24	4.24	4.24	4.24	4.24
10.0	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47
11.0	4.72	4.72	4.72	4.72	4.72	4.72	4.72
12.0	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
13.0	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
14.0	5.54	5.54	5.54	5.54	5.54	5.54	5.54
15.0	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85

Full-service Intelligent Mail Option

Subtract \$0.001 for each presorted or Carrier Route barcoded flat that complies with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option.

Forwarding-and-Return-Service

If Forwarding Service is used in conjunction with electronic Address Correction Service, forwarded flats pay ~~\$3.27~~ \$3.30 per piece. All other pieces requesting Forwarding-and-Return Service that are returned are charged the appropriate Bound Printed Matter Flats Nonpresorted price for the piece.

Seamless Incentive

Subtract \$0.001 for each piece eligible for Seamless Acceptance and prepared under the Full-Service Intelligent Mail option.

1420 Bound Printed Matter Parcels

1420.1 Description

- a. Package Services mail weighing not more than 15 pounds may be sent as Bound Printed Matter Parcels if it meets all of the following:
- Consists of advertising, promotional, directory, or editorial material (or any combination of such material);
 - Is securely bound by permanent fastenings such as staples, spiral binding, glue, or stitching. Loose-leaf binders and similar fastenings are not considered permanent;
 - Consists of sheets of which at least 90 percent are imprinted by any process other than handwriting or typewriting with words, letters, characters, figures, or images (or any combination of them);
 - Does not have the nature of personal correspondence; and
 - Is not stationery, such as pads of blank printed forms.
- b. Postage must be paid by permit imprint only.

1420.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	108 inches in combined length and girth			15 pounds

1420.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

		Minimum Volume Requirements
Flats	Nonpresorted	none
	Presorted	300 pieces per mailing
	Carrier Route	300 pieces per mailing

1420.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Carrier Route
 - DDU
 - DSCF
 - DNDC
 - Zones 1-9
- Presorted
 - DDU
 - DSCF
 - DNDC
 - Zones 1-9
- Nonpresorted

1420.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - USPS Tracking (1505.8)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Signature Confirmation (1505.17)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
 - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Pickup On Demand Service

1420.6 Prices

Carrier Route

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Destination Entry

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
Per Piece	0.697	0.88	1.329	1.329	1.329	1.329
Per Pound	0.048	0.081	0.102	0.135	0.183	0.254

b. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zones 8 & 9 (\$)
Per Piece	1.441	1.441	1.441	1.441	1.441	1.441	1.441
Per Pound	0.190	0.226	0.275	0.340	0.415	0.479	0.626

Presorted

Charges are computed by multiplying the number of pieces in the mailing by the applicable per-piece price, multiplying the number of pounds of the mailing by the applicable per-pound price, and adding both totals.

a. Destination Entry

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
Per Piece	0.852	1.035	1.484	1.484	1.484	1.484
Per Pound	0.048	0.081	0.102	0.135	0.183	0.254

b. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zones 8 & 9 (\$)
Per Piece	1.596	1.596	1.596	1.596	1.596	1.596	1.596
Per Pound	0.190	0.226	0.275	0.340	0.415	0.479	0.626

Nonpresorted

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zones 8 & 9 (\$)
1.0	2.87	2.94	3.00	3.10	3.23	3.29	3.51
1.5	3.04	3.12	3.18	3.29	3.42	3.49	3.72
2.0	3.01	3.09	3.17	3.30	3.47	3.55	3.87
2.5	3.14	3.25	3.36	3.52	3.74	3.85	4.24
3.0	3.28	3.41	3.54	3.73	4.00	4.13	4.61
3.5	3.43	3.58	3.73	3.96	4.28	4.43	4.99
4.0	3.56	3.73	3.90	4.16	4.52	4.69	5.34
4.5	3.69	3.88	4.07	4.38	4.78	4.97	5.69
5.0	3.83	4.05	4.27	4.61	5.06	5.28	6.08
6.0	4.10	4.38	4.66	5.07	5.61	5.89	6.85
7.0	4.39	4.71	5.03	5.51	6.16	6.48	7.60
8.0	4.65	5.01	5.37	5.92	6.65	7.01	8.28
9.0	4.93	5.34	5.75	6.37	7.20	7.61	9.05
10.0	5.19	5.65	6.11	6.80	7.71	8.17	9.76
11.0	5.49	6.00	6.51	7.27	8.29	8.80	10.57
12.0	5.75	6.30	6.85	7.68	8.78	9.33	11.26
13.0	6.02	6.61	7.20	8.09	9.28	9.87	11.95
14.0	6.31	6.96	7.61	8.58	9.85	10.50	12.75
15.0	6.58	7.27	7.96	8.99	10.38	11.07	13.49

Pickup On Demand Service

Add ~~\$24.00~~ \$25.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

1425 Media Mail/Library Mail

1425.1 Description

Media Mail

a. The following items may be sent as Media Mail:

- Books, including books issued to supplement other books, of at least eight printed pages, consisting wholly of reading matter or scholarly bibliography, or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations and containing no advertising matter other than incidental announcements of books. Advertising includes paid advertising and the publishers' own advertising in display, classified, or editorial style;
- 16-millimeter or narrower width films, which must be positive prints in final form for viewing, and catalogs of such films of 24 pages or more (at least 22 of which are printed). Films and film catalogs sent to or from commercial theaters do not qualify for Media Mail;
- Printed music, whether in bound or sheet form;
- Printed objective test materials and their accessories used by or on behalf of educational institutions to test ability, aptitude, achievement, interests, and other mental and personal qualities with or without answers, test scores, or identifying information recorded thereon in writing or by mark;
- Sound recordings, including incidental announcements of recordings and guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such recordings. Video recordings and player piano rolls are classified as sound recordings;
- Playscripts and manuscripts for books, periodicals, and music;
- Printed educational reference charts designed to instruct or train individuals for improving or developing their capabilities. Each chart must be a single printed sheet of information designed for educational reference. The information on the chart, which may be printed on one or both sides of the sheet, must be conveyed primarily by graphs, diagrams, tables, or other nonnarrative matter. An educational reference chart is normally but not necessarily devoted to one subject. A chart on which the information is conveyed primarily by textual matter in a narrative form does not qualify as a printed educational reference chart for mailing at the Media Mail prices even if it includes graphs, diagrams, or tables. Examples of qualifying charts include maps produced primarily for educational reference, tables of mathematical or scientific equations, noun declensions or verb conjugations used in the study of languages, periodic table of

elements, botanical or zoological tables, and other tables used in the study of science;

- Loose-leaf pages and their binders consisting of medical information for distribution to doctors, hospitals, medical schools, and medical students; or
- Computer-readable media containing prerecorded information and guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such media.

Library Mail

- a. **Qualified Mailings Between Entities.** The following items may be mailed as Library Mail when sent between: (1) schools, colleges, universities, public libraries, museums, and herbariums and nonprofit religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic (charitable), agricultural, labor, veterans, and fraternal organizations or associations; (2) any such institution, organization, or association and an individual who has no financial interest in the sale, promotion, or distribution of the materials; or (3) any such institution, organization, or association and a publisher, if such institution, organization, or association has placed an order to buy such materials for delivery to itself:
- Books, consisting wholly of reading matter, scholarly bibliography, or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations and containing no advertising, except for incidental announcements of books;
 - Printed music, whether in bound or sheet form;
 - Bound volumes of academic theses, whether in typewritten or duplicated form;
 - Periodicals, whether bound or unbound;
 - Sound recordings;
 - Other library materials in printed, duplicated, or photographic form or in the form of unpublished manuscripts; or
 - Museum materials, specimens, collections, teaching aids, printed matter, and interpretive materials for informing and furthering the educational work and interests of museums and herbariums.

- b. Qualified Mailings “To” or “From”. The following items may be mailed as Library Mail when sent to or from schools, colleges, universities, public libraries, museums, and herbariums and to or from nonprofit religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic (charitable), agricultural, labor, veterans, or fraternal organizations:
- 16-millimeter or narrower width films, filmstrips, transparencies, slides, and microfilms. All must be positive prints in final form for viewing;
 - Sound recordings;
 - Museum materials, specimens, collections, teaching aids, printed matter, and interpretive materials intended for informing and furthering the educational work and interests of museums and herbariums;
 - Scientific or mathematical kits, instruments, or other devices; or
 - Catalogs of any of these specified materials and guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such materials.

1425.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	108 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds ¹

Notes

1. An overweight item charge of \$100 applies to pieces found in the postal network that exceed the 70-pound maximum weight limitation. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.

1425.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

		Minimum Volume Requirements
Media Mail and Library Mail	Single-Piece	none
	Basic	300 pieces per mailing
	5-Digit	300 pieces per mailing

1425.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Media Mail
 - 5-Digit
 - Basic
 - Single-Piece
- Library Mail
 - 5-Digit
 - Basic
 - Single-Piece

1425.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - USPS Tracking (1505.8)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Signature Confirmation (1505.17)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
 - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)
- Pickup On Demand Service

1425.6 Prices

Media Mail

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
1	1.91	2.97	3.19
2	2.54	3.60	3.82
3	3.17	4.23	4.45
4	3.80	4.86	5.08
5	4.43	5.49	5.71
6	5.06	6.12	6.34
7	5.69	6.75	6.97
8	6.32	7.38	7.60
9	6.95	8.01	8.23
10	7.58	8.64	8.86
11	8.21	9.27	9.49
12	8.84	9.90	10.12
13	9.47	10.53	10.75
14	10.10	11.16	11.38
15	10.73	11.79	12.01
16	11.36	12.42	12.64
17	11.99	13.05	13.27
18	12.62	13.68	13.90
19	13.25	14.31	14.53
20	13.88	14.94	15.16
21	14.51	15.57	15.79
22	15.14	16.20	16.42
23	15.77	16.83	17.05
24	16.40	17.46	17.68
25	17.03	18.09	18.31

Media Mail (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
26	17.66	18.72	18.94
27	18.29	19.35	19.57
28	18.92	19.98	20.20
29	19.55	20.61	20.83
30	20.18	21.24	21.46
31	20.81	21.87	22.09
32	21.44	22.50	22.72
33	22.07	23.13	23.35
34	22.70	23.76	23.98
35	23.33	24.39	24.61
36	23.96	25.02	25.24
37	24.59	25.65	25.87
38	25.22	26.28	26.50
39	25.85	26.91	27.13
40	26.48	27.54	27.76
41	27.11	28.17	28.39
42	27.74	28.80	29.02
43	28.37	29.43	29.65
44	29.00	30.06	30.28
45	29.63	30.69	30.91
46	30.26	31.32	31.54
47	30.89	31.95	32.17
48	31.52	32.58	32.80
49	32.15	33.21	33.43
50	32.78	33.84	34.06

Media Mail (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
51	33.41	34.47	34.69
52	34.04	35.10	35.32
53	34.67	35.73	35.95
54	35.30	36.36	36.58
55	35.93	36.99	37.21
56	36.56	37.62	37.84
57	37.19	38.25	38.47
58	37.82	38.88	39.10
59	38.45	39.51	39.73
60	39.08	40.14	40.36
61	39.71	40.77	40.99
62	40.34	41.40	41.62
63	40.97	42.03	42.25
64	41.60	42.66	42.88
65	42.23	43.29	43.51
66	42.86	43.92	44.14
67	43.49	44.55	44.77
68	44.12	45.18	45.40
69	44.75	45.81	46.03
70	45.38	46.44	46.66

Library Mail

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
1	1.81	2.82	3.03
2	2.41	3.42	3.63
3	3.01	4.02	4.23
4	3.61	4.62	4.83
5	4.21	5.22	5.43
6	4.81	5.82	6.03
7	5.41	6.42	6.63
8	6.01	7.02	7.23
9	6.61	7.62	7.83
10	7.21	8.22	8.43
11	7.81	8.82	9.03
12	8.41	9.42	9.63
13	9.01	10.02	10.23
14	9.61	10.62	10.83
15	10.21	11.22	11.43
16	10.81	11.82	12.03
17	11.41	12.42	12.63
18	12.01	13.02	13.23
19	12.61	13.62	13.83
20	13.21	14.22	14.43
21	13.81	14.82	15.03
22	14.41	15.42	15.63
23	15.01	16.02	16.23
24	15.61	16.62	16.83
25	16.21	17.22	17.43

Library Mail (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
26	16.81	17.82	18.03
27	17.41	18.42	18.63
28	18.01	19.02	19.23
29	18.61	19.62	19.83
30	19.21	20.22	20.43
31	19.81	20.82	21.03
32	20.41	21.42	21.63
33	21.01	22.02	22.23
34	21.61	22.62	22.83
35	22.21	23.22	23.43
36	22.81	23.82	24.03
37	23.41	24.42	24.63
38	24.01	25.02	25.23
39	24.61	25.62	25.83
40	25.21	26.22	26.43
41	25.81	26.82	27.03
42	26.41	27.42	27.63
43	27.01	28.02	28.23
44	27.61	28.62	28.83
45	28.21	29.22	29.43
46	28.81	29.82	30.03
47	29.41	30.42	30.63
48	30.01	31.02	31.23
49	30.61	31.62	31.83
50	31.21	32.22	32.43

Library Mail (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	5-Digit (\$)	Basic (\$)	Single-Piece (\$)
51	31.81	32.82	33.03
52	32.41	33.42	33.63
53	33.01	34.02	34.23
54	33.61	34.62	34.83
55	34.21	35.22	35.43
56	34.81	35.82	36.03
57	35.41	36.42	36.63
58	36.01	37.02	37.23
59	36.61	37.62	37.83
60	37.21	38.22	38.43
61	37.81	38.82	39.03
62	38.41	39.42	39.63
63	39.01	40.02	40.23
64	39.61	40.62	40.83
65	40.21	41.22	41.43
66	40.81	41.82	42.03
67	41.41	42.42	42.63
68	42.01	43.02	43.23
69	42.61	43.62	43.83
70	43.21	44.22	44.43

Pickup On Demand Service

Add ~~\$24.00~~ \$25.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

Overweight Item Charge

Add \$100.00 for each piece found in the postal network that exceeds the 70-pound maximum weight limitation. Such items are nonmailable and will not be delivered. As described in the Domestic Mail Manual, this charge is payable before release of the item, unless the item is picked up at the same facility where it was entered.

1500 Special Services**1500.1 Class Description**

Special Services are services offered by the Postal Service related to the delivery of mailpieces, including acceptance, collection, sorting, transportation, or other functions. Services within the Ancillary Services and the International Ancillary Services products can be purchased only in conjunction with the purchase of mail service. Other Special Services products can be purchased on a stand-alone basis.

1500.2 Products Included in Class

- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Applications and Mailing Permits (1505.2)
 - Business Reply Mail (1505.3)
 - Bulk Parcel Return Service (1505.4)
 - Certified Mail (1505.5)
 - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
 - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
 - USPS Tracking (1505.8)
 - Insurance (1505.9)
 - Parcel Airlift (PAL) (1505.11)
 - Registered Mail (1505.12)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
 - Shipper-Paid Forwarding (1505.16)
 - Signature Confirmation Service (1505.17)
 - Special Handling (1505.18)
 - Stamped Envelopes (1505.19)
 - Stamped Cards (1505.20)
 - Premium Stamped Stationery (1505.21)
 - Premium Stamped Cards (1505.22)
- International Ancillary Services (1510)
 - International Certificate of Mailing (1510.1)
 - International Registered Mail (1510.2)
 - International Return Receipt (1510.3)
 - Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee (1510.4)
- Address Management Services (1515)
- Caller Service (1520)
- Credit Card Authentication (1525)
- International Reply Coupon Service (1535)
- International Business Reply Mail Service (1540)

- Money Orders (1545)
- Post Office Box Service (1550)
- Stamp Fulfillment Services (1560)

1505 Ancillary Services

1505.1 Address Correction Service

1505.1.1 Description

- a. Address Correction Service provides a mailer, upon request, both an addressee's former and current addresses, if the correct address is known to the Postal Service or, if not known, the reason for non-delivery.
- b. Address Correction Service is available for postage-prepaid mail of all classes, except for mail addressed for delivery at any military installation and for Customized MarketMail pieces.
- c. Address Correction Service is mandatory for Periodicals mail, except for pieces using an alternative addressing format.
- d. Full-service, Automated and Electronic Address Correction Service is available to mailers who can receive computerized address corrections and meet barcoding, address hygiene, and other mail preparation requirements.
- e. Full-service Address Correction Service is only available for mailings of First-Class Mail automated letters, cards, and flats, USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats; USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route, High Density, and Saturation letters; Periodicals Outside County barcoded or Carrier Route letters and flats; Periodicals In-County automation or Carrier Route letters and flats; and Bound Printed Matter barcoded Presort non-DDU flats. The mailings must comply with the requirements for the Full-service Intelligent Mail option. In addition, Full-service Address Correction Service is available for qualifying Basic IMb and non-automation First-Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, submitted by qualifying Full-service mailers.

1505.1.2 Prices

	(\$)
Manual correction, each	
First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service piece, on-piece correction only	0.00
Other	0.67
Electronic correction, each	
First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service piece	0.16
Other	0.35
Automated correction (Letters Only)	
First-Class Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.10
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.17
USPS Marketing Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.13
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.31
Full-service correction, each	0.00

1505.2 Applications and Mailing Permits

1505.2.1 Description

Payment of an application, mailing, or permit fee is required to mail certain products. Many of the fees apply at the class level and encompass the associated products. Fees that apply to particular special services are included in the price schedules for those special services.

Mailing Fees

First-Class Mail

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period at each office of mailing by any person who mails at the presorted or automation prices, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price.

USPS Marketing Mail

A mailing fee must be paid each 12-month period for each permit used to mail USPS Marketing Mail except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings.

Periodicals

Each authorized Periodicals publication must pay the application fee for one original entry authorization at the Post Office where the office of publication is maintained. A re-entry application fee must be paid whenever the publisher changes the publication's title, frequency of issue, office of original entry, or qualification category. Prior to entering Nonprofit, Classroom, and Science of Agriculture Periodicals mail, a publication must obtain an additional Postal Service entry authorization to mail at those prices. Periodicals mail may be entered only by publishers or registered news agents. A news agent is a person or concern engaged in distributing two or more Periodicals publications published by more than one publisher. News agents must register at each Post Office at which they enter Periodicals mail, and pay the appropriate application fee.

Package Services

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period to mail at any destination entry Bound Printed Matter price, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings, or if a mailer uses Bound Printed Matter to mail parcels only.

Permit Imprint Application Fee

- a. A fee is charged for application to use a permit imprint as a method of payment.
- b. This fee does not apply to mailers using the Electronic Verification System (eVS) or Priority Mail Express Manifesting (PMEM) payment methods, or to mailers using a permit imprint to mail only Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service, Parcel Select (including Parcel Select Lightweight), Bound Printed Matter Parcels, Media Mail, or Library Mail.

1505.2.2 Prices

	(\$)
First-Class Mail Presort Mailing Fee (per year)	265.00
USPS Marketing Mail Mailing Fee (per year)	265.00
Periodicals Application Fees (one-time only for each)	
A. Original Entry	805.00
B. Re-entry	105.00
C. Registration for News Agents	105.00
Bound Printed Matter: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year) ¹	265.00
Application to Use Permit Imprint (one-time only)	265.00

Notes

1. Fee does not apply in circumstances described in 1505.2.1.

1505.3 Business Reply Mail

1505.3.1 Description

- a. Business Reply Mail service allows a permit holder or its representative to distribute postcards, envelopes, cartons and labels that can be used to send First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail pieces to an address chosen by the distributor without prepayment of postage.
- b. A permit to distribute Business Reply Mail must be obtained from each office to which mail is addressed for delivery, except that only one permit is required for Business Reply Mail to be returned to the permit holder's branches or agents in other cities.
- c. The permit holder guarantees payment on delivery of postage and fees for the Business Reply Mail pieces including any pieces that the addressee refuses.
- d. The permit holder must pay an annual account maintenance fee when an advance deposit account is used to pay the postage and fees.

1505.3.2 Prices

	(\$)
Permit (All categories)	265.00 ¹
Regular (no account maintenance fee)	
Per-piece charge	0.92
Regular (with account maintenance fee)	
Account maintenance (per year)	800.00
Per-piece charge	0.110
Qualified Business Reply Mail, low-volume	
Account maintenance (per year)	800.00
Per-piece charge	0.077
Qualified Business Reply Mail, high-volume	
Account maintenance (per year)	800.00
Quarterly	2,675.00
Per-piece charge	0.016
Bulk Weight Averaged (Non-letters only)	
Account maintenance (per year)	800.00
Per-piece charge	0.023
Monthly maintenance	1,310.00

Notes

1. Fee does not apply to permit holder who receives (1) only Qualified Business Reply Mail, or (2) only parcel-shaped Business Reply Mail.

1505.4 Bulk Parcel Return Service

1505.4.1 Description

- a. Bulk Parcel Return Service provides a method whereby high-volume parcel mailers may have machinable parcels, initially mailed as USPS Marketing Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) or Parcel Select Lightweight parcels, returned to designated postal facilities for pickup by the mailer at a predetermined frequency, or delivered in bulk by the Postal Service in a specified manner and frequency. Such parcels may be returned because they are: undeliverable-as-addressed; have been opened, resealed, and redeposited into the mail for return to the mailer using a mailer provided return label; or are found in the mailstream, having been opened, resealed, and redeposited by the recipient for return to the mailer.
- b. To claim eligibility for Bulk Parcel Return Service at each facility through which the mailer requests Bulk Parcel Return Service, the mailer must demonstrate receipt of 10,000 returned machinable parcels at a given delivery point in the previous 12-month period or must demonstrate a high likelihood of receiving 10,000 returned parcels in the postal fiscal year for which the service is requested.
- c. Mailers must receive authorization from the Postal Service to use Bulk Parcel Return Service.

1505.4.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per-piece charge	3.90

1505.5 Certified Mail

1505.5.1 Description

- a. Certified Mail service provides a mailer of First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail with a mailing receipt and electronic confirmation of the date, location, and time of the delivery or attempted delivery. If the initial attempt to deliver the article is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is also provided to the addressee.
- b. If the item is successfully delivered, the Postal Service maintains a record of delivery (including the recipient's signature) for two years. If the item is returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not retain the sender's return signature as part of the record of delivery.
- c. Electronic confirmation notices may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest.
- d. To obtain a mailing receipt, a mailer must mail the article at a Post Office, branch, station, or business mail entry unit, or give the item to a rural carrier.
- e. Certified Mail service may be requested only at time of mailing.
- f. Certified Mail service also can be combined with these optional features at the price provided in 1505.5.2:
 - Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name;
 - Adult Signature Required, which requires the signature of anyone 21 years of age or older at the recipient address; and
 - Adult Signature Restricted Delivery, which requires the signature of the addressee only, who must be 21 years of age or older.

1505.5.2 Prices

(Per piece)	(\$)
Certified Mail	3.75
Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature	9.75

1505.6 Certificate of Mailing

1505.6.1 Description

- a. Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing. Two types of Certificate of Mailing service are offered:
- b. Certificate of Mailing (Forms 3817 and 3665): furnishes evidence that pieces addressed to specific individuals were presented to the Postal Service for mailing using First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail, Package Services, Parcel Return Service, and USPS Retail Ground.
- c. Certificate of Bulk Mailing (Form 3606): Only furnishes evidence that a number of identical-weight pieces were presented to the Postal Service for mailing using First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail, USPS Marketing Mail (except Customized MarketMail), Parcel Select, Package Services and USPS Retail Ground.
- d. Certificate of Mailing service does not include retention of a record of mailing by the Postal Service or provide evidence of delivery.
- e. A mailer may, upon request and payment of the appropriate fee, obtain an additional Certificate of Mailing on terms specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- f. Certificate of Mailing service may be requested only at time of mailing.

1505.6.2 Prices

Individual Piece Prices

	(\$)
Original Certificate of Mailing, Form 3817, individual article presented at retail	1.65
Three or more pieces individually listed on Form 3665-Firm or USPS approved customer provided manifest (per piece listed)	0.47
Each additional copy of original Certificate of Mailing, or original mailing receipt (Form 3877) for Registered Mail, insured mail, Certified Mail, and COD mail (each copy)	1.65

Quantity of Pieces

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one Form 3606 for total number)	9.35
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	1.20
Each additional copy of the original Form 3606	1.65

1505.7 Collect on Delivery

1505.7.1 Description

- a. Collect on Delivery (COD) service allows mailers of Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail, Package Services, Parcel Select (excluding Parcel Select Lightweight), and USPS Retail Ground pieces to send an article for which the mailer has not received full or partial payment (of \$1,000.00 or less) and have that payment, the cost of postage and fees, and anticipated or past due charges collected by the Postal Service from the addressee when the article is delivered.
- b. COD service also provides, as optional features at additional fees:
 - Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.
 - Registered COD, which combines Registered Mail with COD services. The total fees include the proper registry fee for the value declared plus the registered COD fee. Fees and additional details are listed under Registered Mail (1505.14).
- c. If delivery is attempted, but not successful, a notice will be provided to the addressee. COD customers may also elect to have the piece held for pickup at a local Post Office. If such an election is made, notice will be provided to the addressee instructing them to pick up their COD item at a particular Post Office.
- d. The mailer guarantees to pay any return postage unless otherwise specified on the mailpiece.
- e. The mailer may designate a new addressee by using Package Intercept service (2645.2).
- f. A claim for loss or damage may be filed as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- g. COD service is not available for: collection agency purposes; return of merchandise, unless the new addressee has consented in advance to such return; parcels containing motion pictures mailed by exhibitors to motion picture manufacturers, distributors, or exchanges; goods that have not been ordered by the addressee; or for sending bills or statements of indebtedness only. However, when a legitimate COD shipment consists of merchandise or bill of lading, the balance due on a past or anticipated transaction may be included in the charges on a COD article, provided that the addressee has consented in advance to such action.

- h. COD service may only be requested at the time of mailing and the piece must be presented to a rural carrier or a postal employee at a Post Office, branch, station (including any authorized contractor), or business mail entry unit, for mailing.

1505.7.2 Prices

(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Amount to be collected, or insurance coverage desired, whichever is higher:			
0.01	to	50.00	8.60
50.01	to	100.00	10.70
100.01	to	200.00	13.05
200.01	to	300.00	15.40
300.01	to	400.00	17.75
400.01	to	500.00	20.10
500.01	to	600.00	22.45
600.01	to	700.00	24.80
700.01	to	800.00	27.15
800.01	to	900.00	29.50
900.01	to	1,000.00	31.85
Additional Fees for Optional Features:			
COD Restricted Delivery			5.85

1505.8 USPS Tracking

1505.8.1 Description

- a. USPS Tracking service provides mailers of USPS Marketing Mail parcels, Package Services, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service pieces with end-to-end tracking updates, including confirmation of delivery, as the item travels to its destination.
- b. USPS Tracking service is automatically included with the purchase of items sent via Package Services, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and First-Class Package Service.
- c. USPS Tracking service does not include the collection of any recipient signatures.
- d. Tracking updates may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest. Tracking updates include the location, date, and time of: delivery or attempted delivery, the item's arrival and departure from certain postal facilities, and if the item is forwarded or returned to the sender.
- e. USPS Tracking service may only be obtained at the time of mailing by: applying a unique tracking barcode prior to mailing; or presenting the item at a Post Office, branch, station (including any authorized contractor), or self-service kiosk, for mailing.

1505.8.2 Prices

	(\$)
USPS Marketing Mail Parcels	
Electronic	0.24

1505.9 Insurance

1505.9.1 Description

- a. Insurance may be obtained only at the time of mailing and provides the mailer with indemnity for loss, damage, or missing contents for merchandise mailed using Priority Mail Express, Package Services, Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, USPS Marketing Mail parcels, or items included in pieces sent via First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail, if the contents would be eligible to be mailed using USPS Marketing Mail, USPS Retail Ground, or Package Services.
- b. Insurance provides the mailer with a receipt for each item mailed and indemnity for up to the actual value of the article at the time of mailing. An Insurance claim (except for the bulk insurance option) for damage or for partial loss may be filed.
- c. For Insurance articles insured for \$500.00 or less, the Postal Service maintains delivery information (not including a signature) for six months. For articles insured for more than \$500.00, the Postal Service maintains a delivery record (which includes the recipient's signature) for two years, and provides the delivery record to the customer, upon request. If the article is returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not include the sender's return signature as part of the delivery record.
- d. For articles insured for more than \$500.00, Insurance service also provides, as an optional feature:

Insurance Restricted Delivery, which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.
- e. If the initial attempt to deliver the article is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is provided to the addressee.
- f. Undeliverable-as-addressed insured mail will be returned to the sender as specified by the sender or as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- g. Indemnity will not be paid by the Postal Service for loss, damage, or missing contents: of nonmailable matter; due to improper packaging; due to seizure by any agency of government; due to war, insurrection or civil disturbances; or as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- h. For negotiable items, currency, or bullion, the maximum liability is \$15.00.

- i. Insurance is not available for matter offered for sale and addressed to a prospective purchaser who has not ordered or authorized its sending.
- j. For Priority Mail Express pieces, Insurance coverage is provided, for no additional charge, up to \$100.00 per piece for document reconstruction, up to \$5,000.00 per occurrence, regardless of the number of claimants.

Bulk Insurance Option

- a. Insurance includes a Bulk Insurance option that is available for USPS Marketing Mail parcels and Parcel Select pieces entered as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- b. Bulk Insurance provides indemnity for the lesser of: the actual value of the article at the time of mailing, or the wholesale cost of the contents to the sender. For Bulk Insurance, all claims must be filed by the mailer.

1505.9.2 Prices

Merchandise Coverage^{1, 2, 3}

(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
0.01	to	50.00		2.45
50.01	to	100.00		3.15
100.01	to	200.00		3.85
200.01	to	300.00		5.05
300.01	to	400.00		6.40
400.01	to	500.00		7.65
500.01	to	600.00		10.35
600.01	to	5,000.00		10.35 plus 1.55 for each 100.00 or fraction thereof over 600.00
Additional Fee for Optional Feature				
Insurance Restricted Delivery				5.85

Notes

- Up to \$50.00 of Insurance coverage is included at no additional cost in the price of Priority Mail pieces that bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode or retail tracking barcode. This does not apply to Priority Mail pieces sent using Priority Mail Open and Distribute, or Premium Forwarding Service, or as non-prepaid returns.
- Up to \$100.00 of Insurance coverage is included at no additional cost in the price of Priority Mail pieces that bear an Intelligent Mail package barcode and for which the mailer pays Commercial Plus prices or uses ePostage, Electronic Verification System, Hardcopy Manifest, or an approved Manifest Mailing System. This does not apply to Priority Mail pieces sent using Priority Mail Open and Distribute, or Premium Forwarding Service, or as non-prepaid returns
- For Priority Mail Express pieces, Insurance coverage for merchandise is included at no additional cost in the price of Priority Mail Express, up to \$100.00 per piece.

Bulk Insurance

Subtract \$0.80 per piece from the applicable price for Merchandise Coverage.

1505.11 Parcel Airlift (PAL)

1505.11.1 Description

- a. Parcel Airlift service provides for air transportation of Package Services and Parcel Select, on a space available basis to or from military Post Offices outside the contiguous 48 states.
- b. The minimum physical limitations for Package Services or Parcel Select mail apply to Parcel Airlift mail. The parcel may not exceed 30 pounds in weight, or 60 inches in length and girth combined.
- c. Conditions for forwarding and return are specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.

1505.11.2 Prices

	(\$)
For pieces weighing:	
Not more than 2 pounds	1.00
Over 2 but not more than 3 pounds	1.65
Over 3 but not more than 4 pounds	2.25
Over 4 but not more than 30 pounds	2.90

1505.12 Registered Mail

1505.12.1 Description

- a. Registered Mail service provides added protection to First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, and Priority Mail pieces, and provides indemnity in case of loss, damage, or missing contents. The amount of indemnity depends upon the actual value of the article at the time of mailing, up to a maximum of \$50,000.00. Articles with a declared value of more than \$50,000.00 can be registered, but compensation for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to \$50,000.00.
- b. Registered Mail service also provides the mailer with a mailing receipt and electronic confirmation of the location, date, and time of delivery or attempted delivery. If the initial attempt to deliver the mailpiece is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is provided to the addressee. A notice of nondelivery is provided when a Registered Mail piece is undeliverable-as-addressed and cannot be forwarded.
- c. Registered Mail service also provides, as optional features at an additional fee:

Registered Mail Restricted Delivery which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.

Registered COD which receives COD treatment for mail handled the same as other Registered Mail. The maximum amount collectible from the recipient on one article is \$1,000.00. Indemnity is included up to the registry limit of \$50,000 by paying the registry fee for the value declared. The total fees charged for registered COD service include the proper registry fee for the value declared plus the registered COD fee. The mailer must declare the full value of the article being mailed, regardless of the amount to be collected from the recipient.

- d. If the item is successfully delivered, the Postal Service maintains a record of delivery (including the recipient's signature) for 2 years. If the item is undeliverable-as-addressed or returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not retain the sender's return signature as part of the record of delivery.
- e. Electronic confirmation notices may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest.
- f. Registered Mail is forwarded and returned without an additional registry charge.
- g. Restrictions on the availability of Registered Mail service may apply, and specific mail preparation requirements must be met.

- h. Indemnity claims for Registered Mail must be filed within a specified period of time from the date the article was mailed. A claim concerning complete loss of registered articles may be filled by the mailer only. A claim concerning damage to or partial loss of registered articles may be filed by either the mailer or addressee.
- i. Registered Mail service is only available at the time of mailing and may only be purchased by presenting the article at a Post Office, branch, station, or business mail entry unit.

1505.12.2 Prices

(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Declared Value:			
0.00			13.75
0.01	to	100.00	14.35
100.01	to	500.00	16.50
500.01	to	1,000.00	18.35
1,000.01	to	2,000.00	20.20
2,000.01	to	3,000.00	22.05
3,000.01	to	4,000.00	23.90
4,000.01	to	5,000.00	25.75
5,000.01	to	15,000,000.00	25.75 plus 1.85 for each 1,000.00 or fraction thereof over 5,000.00
Greater than		15,000,000.00	27,766.50 plus amount determined by the Postal Service based on weight, space, and value
Additional Fees for Optional Features:			
Registered Mail Restricted Delivery			5.85
Registered COD			6.60

1505.13 Return Receipt

1505.13.1 Description

- a. A Return Receipt may be requested only at the time of mailing and provides a mailer with evidence that a mailpiece has been received at the delivery address, including an original (hardcopy) or electronic copy of the recipient's signature.
- b. Return Receipt service is available with:
 - Priority Mail Express (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only);
 - First-Class Mail and First-Class Package Service when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only), Certified Mail, COD, Registered Mail, or insurance for more than \$500.00 (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only);
 - Priority Mail (when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature (PS Form 3811 only), Certified Mail, COD, Insured mail for more than \$500.00, or Registered Mail);
 - Priority Mail (hardcopy PS Form 3811) when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature or insurance for more than \$500.00, or Priority Mail with Certified Mail, COD, or Registered Mail;
 - USPS Marketing Mail (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); when purchased at the time of mailing with bulk insurance for more than \$500.00 and prepared as parcels);
 - Parcel Select Lightweight (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); when purchased at the time of mailing with Adult Signature or bulk insurance for more than \$500.00;
 - USPS Retail Ground and Package Services when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or insurance for more than \$500.00 (hardcopy PS Form 3811 only); and
 - Parcel Select, except Parcel Select Lightweight when purchased at the time of mailing with COD, or (hardcopy PS Form 3811) with insurance for more than \$500.00 or Adult Signature (Parcel Select Ground only).
- c. Mailers requesting Return Receipt service will be provided with an original or electronic copy of the signature of the recipient, the date delivered, and the address of delivery (if different from the address on the mailpiece).

1505.13.2 Prices

	(\$)
Original signature (hardcopy)	3.05
Copy of signature (electronic)	1.85

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1505.16 Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return

1505.16.1 Description

- a. Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service enables mailers to have undeliverable-as-addressed parcels, initially mailed as USPS Marketing Mail (Commercial and Nonprofit) parcels, Package Services, Parcel Select, or USPS Retail Ground, to be forwarded at applicable First-Class Package Service or Priority Mail prices for up to one year from the date that the addressee filed a change-of-address order.
- b. If Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service is elected for a parcel that is returned, the permit holder will pay the applicable First-Class Package Service or Priority Mail price, or the Bulk Parcel Return Service price, if that service was elected.
- c. Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service is available only if automated Address Correction Service is used.
- d. Mailers must receive authorization from the Postal Service to use Shipper-Paid Forwarding/Return service and, if an advance deposit account is used, pay an advance deposit account maintenance fee.

1505.16.2 Prices

	(\$)
Account Maintenance Fee (per year)	800.00

1505.17 Signature Confirmation

1505.17.1 Description

- a. Signature Confirmation service provides mailers of First-Class Package Service, Package Services, Parcel Select (except Parcel Select Lightweight), USPS Retail Ground, and Priority Mail pieces with a record of delivery, the recipient's signature, and end-to-end tracking updates as the item travels to its destination. If the initial attempt to deliver the item is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery will be provided to the addressee.
- b. If the item is successfully delivered, a delivery record (including the signature of the recipient) is maintained by the Postal Service for one year. If the item is returned to the sender, the Postal Service does not include the sender's return signature as part of the delivery record. An electronic copy of the delivery record is available upon request.
- c. Tracking updates may be obtained over the internet, by telephone, via mobile smartphone application, or by electronic file transfer for mailers who provide an electronic manifest. Tracking updates include the location, date, and time of: delivery or attempted delivery; the item's arrival and departure from certain postal facilities; and if the item is forwarded or returned to the sender.
- d. Signature Confirmation service may only be obtained: online; by taking the item to a Post Office, branch, station, self-service kiosk, or business mail entry unit; or by giving the item to a rural carrier.
- e. Signature Confirmation service must be requested at the time of mailing.
- f. Signature Confirmation service also provides, as an optional feature at an additional fee:

Restricted Delivery which directs delivery only to the addressee or addressee's agent. The addressee must be an individual (a natural person) specified by name.

1505.17.2 Prices

	(\$)
Electronic	2.90
Retail	3.45
Additional Fee for Optional Feature:	
Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery	5.85

1505.18 Special Handling

1505.18.1 Description

- a. Special Handling service may be requested at the time of mailing, based on the content and class of mail, and provides preferential handling of Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail (except Critical Mail), Package Services, USPS Retail Ground, and Parcel Select (except Parcel Select Lightweight) pieces, to the extent practicable during dispatch and transportation.
- b. Special Handling service is mandatory for matter that requires special attention in handling, transportation and delivery.
- c. If undeliverable-as-addressed, Special Handling mail that is forwarded to the addressee is given special handling without requiring payment of an additional handling fee. However, additional postage at the applicable price is collected from the addressee on delivery.

1505.18.2 Prices

	(\$)
Fragile	12.15

1505.19 Stamped Envelopes

1505.19.1 Description

Plain Stamped Envelopes and Personalized Stamped Envelopes are envelopes with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage. Personalized Stamped Envelopes, including the premium options, may be obtained by special request.

1505.19.2 Prices

	(\$)
Plain stamped envelopes	
Basic, size 6-3/4, each	0.15
Basic, size 6-3/4, 500	19.55
Basic, over size 6-3/4, each	0.15
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 500	22.30
Personalized stamped envelopes	
Basic, size 6-3/4, 50	6.50
Basic, size 6-3/4, 500	30.05
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 50	6.50
Basic, over size 6-3/4, 500	34.05
Additional Charges for premium options, per 50 envelopes	
Pressure-sensitive sealing	5.90
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	1.20
Window	1.20
Additional Charges for premium options, per 500 envelopes	
Pressure-sensitive sealing	17.30
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	2.45
Window	2.45

	(\$)
Shipping—Boxes of 50	
1 box	6.05
2 boxes	7.40
3 boxes	8.75
4 boxes	9.90
5 boxes	12.20
6 boxes	13.10
7 boxes	14.55
8 boxes	16.00
9 or more boxes	18.20
Shipping—Boxes of 500	
1 box	11.15
2 or more boxes	18.20

1505.20 Stamped Cards

1505.20.1 Description

Stamped Cards are postcards with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage. Double Stamped Cards consist of two attached postcards, one of which may be detached by the receiver and returned by mail as a single Stamped Card. The premium options allow customization of large orders for an additional charge.

1505.20.2 Prices

	(\$)
Single card	0.05
Double reply-paid card	0.10
Sheet of 40 cards (uncut)	2.00
Pack of 10 sheets of 4 cards each	2.25
Premium Options (Additional Charge)	(\$)
Per order of 250 cards	
Printing of return address	21.50
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	1.10
Monogram	1.10
4-Color logo – first 250 cards	88.00
4-Color logo – additional 250 cards	5.45
Per Order of 1,000 cards	
Printing of return address	54.00
Font size, font style, and/or ink color (for one, two, or all three)	2.15
Monogram	2.15
4-Color logo – first 1,000 cards	93.00
4-Color logo – additional 1,000 cards	10.95

1505.21 Premium Stamped Stationery

1505.21.1 Description

Premium Stamped Stationery is decorated stationery with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage.

1505.21.2 Prices

Per Unit	(\$)
Minimum	2 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the stationery
Maximum	3 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the stationery

1505.22 Premium Stamped Cards

1505.22.1 Description

Premium Stamped Cards are postcards with imprinted or impressed First-Class Mail postage, decorated on the reverse side.

1505.22.2 Prices

Per Card	(%)
Minimum	1 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the card
Maximum	3 times the First-Class Mail price imprinted on the card

1510 International Ancillary Services

1510.1 International Certificate of Mailing

1510.1.1 Description

International Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing. It is available for unregistered outbound First-Class Mail International items.

1510.1.2 Prices

Individual Piece Prices

	(\$)
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of ordinary Single-Piece First-Class Mail International items	1.65
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	0.47
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or firm mailing bills (each copy)	1.65

Multiple Piece Prices

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one certificate for total number)	9.35
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	1.20
Duplicate copy	1.65

1510.2 International Registered Mail

1510.2.1 Description

Outbound International Registered Mail

- a. Outbound International Registered Mail service provides additional protection and security in dispatch and conveyance in the United States for items mailed as First-Class Mail International. In the United States, registered mail items are handled separately from all other mail and are kept in a secure area with restricted access. In destination countries, registered mail items are handled in accordance with the internal procedures of the destination country.
- b. Registered items may weigh up to 4 pounds.
- c. For each registered item a mailing receipt is issued by the office of mailing and a record of delivery is maintained at the office of destination.
- d. Regardless of the declared value of a registered item, the maximum amount of indemnity payable for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to the amount set by UPU Letter Post Regulations Article RL 155.4. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.
- e. Outbound International Registered Mail service is subject to both U.S. Postal Service requirements specified in the International Mail Manual and the prohibitions and restrictions of the destination country.

Inbound International Registered Mail

- a. Inbound International Registered Mail Service is available for inbound letter post items. Inbound Registered Mail pieces are entered, identified, and accepted at the International Service Center and are conveyed in the domestic First-Class Mail stream to the office of delivery. A signed receipt is obtained at the time of delivery. Indemnity in the event of loss or damage is limited to the amount set by the Universal Postal Convention. Inbound Registered Mail service is subject to both the regulations of the country of origin and U.S. Postal Service. Indemnity between administrations is reciprocal.

1510.2.2 Prices

Outbound International Registered Mail Prices

	(\$)
Per Piece	17.15

Inbound International Registered Mail Prices

Payment is made in accordance with Part III of the Universal Postal Convention. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.

1510.3 International Return Receipt

1510.3.1 Description

Outbound International Return Receipt

- a. Outbound International Return Receipt service provides evidence to the mailer that an article has been received at the delivery address. The return receipt, which is attached to the article mailed, is signed at the point of delivery and is returned to the sender.
- b. Outbound International Return Receipt service is available for registered outbound First-Class Mail International items.
- c. Outbound International Return Receipt must be purchased at the time of mailing.

Inbound International Return Receipt

- a. Inbound International Return Receipt service provides evidence to the mailer that an article has been received at the delivery address. A return receipt is signed for at the point of delivery and is returned to the sender.
- b. International Return Receipt service is available for registered letter post items.

1510.3.2 Prices

Outbound International Return Receipt Prices

	(\$)
Per Piece	4.75

Inbound International Return Receipt Prices

No additional payment.

1510.4 Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee

1510.4.1 Description

The Postal Service collects a fee on each inbound package on which Customs duty or Internal Revenue tax is collected.

1510.4.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per Dutiable Item	7.05

1515 Address Management Services

1515.1 Description

Address Management Services ensure that address elements and address lists are correct and up-to-date. In addition to providing software or information about ZIP Code lists, addresses, or moves, the services also include certifying systems to ensure that the proper address information is used. Some services allow the purchaser or licensee to make unlimited copies or to make additional copies for a fee.

Address Sequencing

Address Sequencing service provides for the removal of incorrect addresses, notation of missing addresses, and addition of missing addresses.

AEC II (Address Element Correction II) Service

AEC II Service sends addresses with errors that cannot be resolved through other Address Management services to the field for resolution based on knowledge of delivery personnel. The mailer is provided with the correct address or with information that the address is not a recognized deliverable address.

AIS (Address Information System) Viewer

The AIS Viewer is an interactive software that provides the ability to retrieve, view, and print accurate and current ZIP Code information for all 50 states on demand, eliminating hardcopy reports.

CRIS (Carrier Route Information System)

The CRIS service provides reference information needed to apply carrier route codes to addresses. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) Certification

CASS evaluates and certifies the accuracy of address-matching software that applies ZIP + 4, DPV (Delivery Point Validation), LACS^{Link} (Locatable Address Conversion Service), CRIS (Carrier Route Information System), DSF² (Delivery Sequence File—2nd Generation), eLOT (enhanced Line of Travel), RDI (Residential Delivery Indicator) and Five-Digit ZIP. The Postal Service certifies software meeting its standards until the expiration of the applicable CASS cycle. Software must be re-certified for each CASS cycle. Ordinarily, a CASS testing cycle extends from August 1st through July 31st of the next year, and permits software use until the following July 31st.

Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint

Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint provides customers with a copy of the letter that is sent to the customer's new address following the filing of a Change-of-Address order with the Postal Service.

Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions

Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions service provides election boards and voter registration commissions with the current address of a resident addressee, if known to the Postal Service.

City State

The City State service is a comprehensive ZIP Code list associated with the appropriate city, county, and Post Office names. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

CDS (Computerized Delivery Sequence)

CDS service provides and updates delivery sequence address information by carrier route for qualified mailers. The CDS No Stat service provides and updates nondelivery address information about new construction and rural route vacancies by carrier route for qualified mailers.

Correction of Address Lists

Correction of Address Lists service provides current information concerning name and address mailing lists or correct information concerning occupant mailing lists to certain owners of such lists. New names will not be added to a name and address mailing list, and street address numbers will not be added to or changed for an occupant mailing list.

Delivery Statistics

The Delivery Statistics service provides statistical information regarding delivery by carrier route and Post Office Box section. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

DPV (Delivery Point Validation) System

The DPV System, in conjunction with CASS Certified address matching software, validates delivery points. Unlimited sub-licensing is allowed by software developers without further payment.

DSF² (Delivery Sequence File—2nd Generation) Service

The DSF² Service is used to check mailing address accuracy, identify address types, and obtain walk sequence numbers. The DSF² database is the most complete Postal Service address database available, containing every deliverable mailing address in the United States, and is used to: verify that address lists are correct and complete, identify business versus residential addresses, recognize commercial mail receiving agencies, provide walk sequence numbers and postal codes, identify seasonal addresses, detect addresses vacant for over 90 days, and categorize addresses by delivery type, e.g., curbside, door slot, box, etc. DSF² processing includes address standardization that may be used to apply for CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) qualification.

eLOT (enhanced Line of Travel) Service

eLOT service gives mailers the ability to sort their mailings in approximate carrier-casing sequence. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

Five-Digit ZIP

The Five-Digit ZIP service provides detailed street data for multi-coded cities (*i.e.*, cities that have more than one 5-Digit ZIP Code number), so that the proper ZIP Code number can be identified. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

Labeling Lists

Labeling Lists contain destination ZIP Code numbers with the corresponding Postal Service facility destination information. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

LACSLink (Locatable Address Conversion Service)

LACSLink service provides mailers an automated method of obtaining new addresses when rural style addresses are converted to streetstyle addresses. The three types of licenses are:

- Interface Developer which grants the right to develop an interface between address-matching software and the LACSLink database service;
- Interface Distributor which grants the right to sub-license the interface and the LACSLink database service to third parties; and
- End User which grants the right to obtain the LACSLink database service directly from the Postal Service for use in updating mailing lists.

MAC (Manifest Analysis and Certification) Batch System Certification

The MAC Batch System Certification service evaluates and certifies that manifest/presort mailing products accurately list and calculate postage for presorted non-identical piece mailings consistent with DMM, IMM and Manifest Mailing System processing standards. Software is certified until the expiration of the applicable MAC Batch System cycle.

MAC (Manifest Analysis and Certification) Gold System Certification

The MAC Gold System evaluates and certifies that manifest mailing systems (software, weigh scales, and label printers) accurately list and calculate postage for non-identical piece mailings consistent with DMM, IMM and Manifest Mailing system itemized pricing standards. Software is certified until the expiration of the applicable MAC Gold System cycle.

MAC (Manifest Analysis and Certification) System Certification

The MAC System evaluates and certifies that manifest mailing software accurately lists and calculates postage for non-identical piece mailings consistent with DMM, IMM and Manifest Mailing System standards, until the expiration of the applicable MAC System cycle.

MASS (Multiline Accuracy Support System) Certification

MASS provides certification for multiline optical character readers, remote video encoding, local video encoding, and encoding stations (equipment). The MASS certification process is designed to evaluate the ability of the equipment to process address information using CASS (Coding Accuracy Support System) Certified™ software, and apply an accurate delivery point barcode to a mailpiece. The Postal Service separately certifies the equipment for a manufacturer and the user. Certified equipment can be used until the expiration of the applicable MASS cycle. Ordinarily, a MASS testing cycle extends from August 1st through July 31st of the next year, and permits use until the following July 31st. One-half the applicable fee is charged for recertification of a machine due to a move, transfer, or upgrade of the system.

NCOA^{Link} (National Change of Address) Service

The NCOA^{Link} service makes change-of-address information for moves available to mailers. The six types of licenses are:

- NCOA^{Link} Interface Developer which grants the right to develop a software interface between address-matching software and the NCOA^{Link} service database;
- NCOA^{Link} Interface Distributor which grants the right to unlimited sublicensing of software interfaces developed pursuant to an NCOA^{Link} Interface Developer License;
- NCOA^{Link} Full Service Provider (FSP) which grants the right to perform address list updating services for both the licensee and third party mailers using 48 months of change-of-address data. Postal Service database services such as DPV and LACS^{Link} are included;
- NCOA^{Link} Limited Service Provider (LSP) which grants the right to perform address list updating services for third party mailers, as well as for licensee's own mail using 18 months of change-of-address data;
- NCOA^{Link} End User Mailer (EUM) which grants a mailer the right to perform address list updating for its own mail using 18 months of change-of-address data; and
- NCOA^{Link} Mail Processing Equipment (MPE) which grants a mailer the right to perform address updating directly onto its mailpieces using 18 months of change-of-address data and a multiline optical character reader (MLOCR).

The Postal Service tests the systems under the Developer, FSP, LSP, and MPE licenses to ensure that they meet Postal Service performance requirements.

NCOA^{Link} (National Change of Address) Service—ANK^{Link} (Address Not Known) Service Option

ANK^{Link} provides an option for NCOA^{Link} Limited Service Provider and End User Mailer licensees to acquire an additional 30 months of change-of-address information. ANK^{Link} informs mailers that a customer has moved, along with the move effective date. It does not provide the new address.

Official National Zone Charts

The Official National Zone Charts identify the appropriate distance code assigned to each originating and destination pairing for every ZIP Code in the nation. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

PAGE (Presort Accuracy, Grading, and Evaluation) System Certification

The PAGE System evaluates and certifies the accuracy of publication and print planning (PPP) software that calculates virtual copy weight and the percentage of advertising consistent with DMM Periodicals price computation standards, and certifies users of PPP software who demonstrate knowledge of the software for Periodicals mailings based on DMM standards and applicable Postal Service Customer Support Rulings. Software and users are certified until the expiration of the applicable PAGE cycle.

PAVE (Presort Accuracy, Validation, and Evaluation) System Certification

The PAVE System evaluates and certifies the accuracy of presort software that sorts mailing lists consistent with DMM mail preparation standards. Software is certified until the expiration of the applicable PAVE cycle.

RDI (Residential Delivery Indicator) Service

The RDI data service verifies whether a delivery type is classified as residential or business. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

Z4CHANGE

The Z4CHANGE service provides the information necessary to facilitate frequent and cost-effective updating of very large computerized mailing lists for automation compatibility and improved deliverability. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

Z4INFO

Z4INFO is an add-on utility to the ZIP + 4 service that can be integrated into address-matching software to improve address quality.

ZIP + 4 Service

The ZIP + 4 service is the base reference that can be used to assign the correct ZIP + 4 Code associated with a physical address. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

ZIPMove

The ZIPMove data file assists address-matching software in providing up-to-date, accurate ZIP + 4 codes. Copying is allowed for an additional fee.

ZIP Code Sortation of Address Lists

ZIP Code Sortation of Address Lists service provides sortation of addresses to the finest possible ZIP Code level.

99 Percent Accurate Method

The 99 Percent Accurate Method provides testing of mailers' address lists to determine how up-to-date the lists are. Lists deemed to meet threshold requirements are considered to be Move Update compliant.

1515.2 Prices

	(\$)
Address Sequencing	
Per correction (removal of each undeliverable address, or addition of each missing or new address)	0.52
Insertion of blanks	0.00
AEC II Service	
1-100 records resolved, minimum fee	39.00
Additional records resolved, per record	0.39
AIS (Address Information System) Viewer (per year, per site)	
City State Delivery Type Retrieval Annual Subscription	95.00
County Name Retrieval Annual Subscription	95.00
Delivery Statistic Retrieval Annual Subscription	120.00
ZIP + 4 Retrieval Annual Subscription	95.00
CRIS Route (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	70.00*
All States (annual subscription)	1,100*
CASS Certification	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) August-January	200.00
Cycle Testing: February, March	500.00
Cycle Testing: April	600.00
Cycle Testing: May	700.00
Cycle Testing: June	800.00
Cycle Testing: July	900.00
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 st	1,000.00

	(\$)
Change-of-Address Information for Election Boards and Registration Commissions	
Per change of address	0.52
Change-of-Address Customer Notification Letter Reprint	60.00
City State (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	450.00*
CDS (per address, per year)	0.014
Minimum (per year)	70.00
Correction of Address Lists	
Per submitted address	0.52
Minimum charge per list (30 items)	15.60
Delivery Statistics (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	465.00*
DMM Labeling Lists	71.00*
DPV System (per year) ³	13,200.00
DSF ² Service (per year) ⁴	132,000.00
Each additional location per year	66,000.00
Each additional platform per location per year	66,000.00
eLOT Service (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	70.00*
All States (annual subscription)	1,100.00*

	(\$)
Five-Digit ZIP (per year)	
All States (annual subscription)	650.00*
LACSLink5	
Interface Developer (first year)	1,350.00 ⁶
Interface Developer (each one-year extension)	400.00 ⁶
Interface Distributor (per year)	1,550.00 ⁷
Data Distributor (per year)	400.00
End User (per year)	400.00 ⁸
MASS Certification	
MASS Manufacturers (MLOCR)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) November – June	500.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: July	1,000.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 st	1,500.00 ¹⁰
MASS End-Users (MLOCR)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) March – June	500.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: July	1,000.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: (current cycle) After July 31 st	1,500.00 ¹⁰
MASS Manufacturers (Encoder)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) November – June	300.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: July	750.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: (for current cycle) After July 31 st	1,000.00 ¹⁰
MASS End-Users (Encoder)	
Cycle Testing: (for next cycle) March – June	300.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: July	750.00 ⁹
Cycle Testing: After July 31 st	1,000.00 ¹⁰
MASS IMb Quality Testing	300.00

	(\$)
NCOA ^{Link} Service ¹¹	
Initial Interface Developer (first year fee)	7,350.00
Interface Developer (per each one year extension)	1,500.00
Interface Distributor (per year)	35,500.00
Full Service Provider (per year)	245,000.00
Full Service Provider Each Additional Site (per year)	121,000.00
Limited Service Provider (per year)	20,600.00
Limited Service Provider (per each one year extension)	
One Site only	20,600.00
Each additional site	10,300.00
ANKLink Service Option (per year)	
First Site	4,850.00
Each Additional Site	2,250.00
End User/MPE (first year)	10,300.00
End User/MPE (each renewal year)	
One site (each site for MPE)	10,300.00
Each additional site (End User only)	4,850.00
ANK ^{Link} Service Option (per year)	1,100.00
NCOA ^{Link} Test, Audit (each)	1,500.00
Official National Zone Charts (per year)	
Matrix	70.00*
RDI Service (per year) ¹	415.00*
Z4 Change (per year)	
All States	3,950.00*
ZIP + 4 Service (per year)	
Per state (annual subscription)	70.00*
All States (annual subscription)	1,100.00*

	(\$)
ZIP Code Sortation of Address Lists Per 1,000 addresses, or fraction	170.00
ZIP Move (per year) All States (annual subscription)	145.00*
99 Percent Accurate Method (per 1,000 addresses per year) Minimum (per year)	1.35 135.00

Notes

- *. See AMS Price Table for Single Issues or Additional Copies appearing below.
- 1. When rural routes have been consolidated or changed to another Post Office, no charge will be made for correction if the list contains only names of persons residing on the routes involved.
- 2. Note number not to be used.
- 3. Fees are prorated for first year based on the Postal fiscal quarter ~~month~~ the agreement is executed.
- 4. Initial fee is prorated for first year based on the Postal fiscal quarter ~~month~~ the agreement is executed. There is no proration for additional locations or platforms.
- 5. Fees are prorated for the first year for LACS^{Link} Interface Distributor, Data Distributor, and End User based on the Postal fiscal quarter ~~month~~ the Postal Service certifies system. Interface Developer test fees are waived if part of CASS certification; otherwise, CASS test fees apply for stand-alone testing.
- 6. Interface Developer fees are waived for certified CASS and NCOA^{Link} Full Service Provider distributors fulfilling requirement to provide users access to LACS^{Link}.
- 7. Interface Distributor fee are waived for certified CASS distributor who provides End Users of LACS^{Link} Distributor products with access to LACS^{Link} System.
- 8. End User fee is waived for certified NCOA^{Link} Full Service Providers who fulfill requirement to offer LACS^{Link} as component of its products and services.
- 9. MASS fees are prorated at 50 percent of regular fee for new, transferred, or upgraded MLOCR/Encoder systems during testing cycle.
- 10. MASS fees are ~~pre~~ prorated at 50 percent of regular fee for new, transferred, or upgraded MLOCR/Encoder systems outside of testing cycle.

11. NCOA^{Link} fees (excluding Interface Developer) are prorated for the first year based on ~~month~~ the Postal fiscal quarter the Postal Service certifies system. No proration for fees for additional sites.

AMS Price Table for Single Issues or Additional Copies

Address Management Services with an asterisk allow copying for an additional fee, and provide a single issue instead of an annual subscription for a reduced fee. The fee is calculated by multiplying the list price by a factor based on a single issue or the total number of copies to be made, as shown below.

Price* (per year, from above) x Factor corresponding to single issue or number of copies (far right column below) = \$ Total Price (per year)

Number of Copies	*Price (from above)	Multiply by	Factor
Single Issue	*Price	x	0.75
1-100	*Price	x	2.0
101-200	*Price	x	4.0
201-300	*Price	x	6.0
301-400	*Price	x	8.0
401-500	*Price	x	10.0
501-600	*Price	x	12.0
601-700	*Price	x	14.0
701-800	*Price	x	16.0
801-900	*Price	x	18.0
901-1000	*Price	x	20.0
1001-10,000	*Price	x	25.0
10,001 – 20,000	*Price	x	30.0
20,001 – 30,000	*Price	x	35.0
30,001 and over	*Price	x	40.0
Unlimited quantity of any of the following: Five-Digit ZIP, City State, CRIS, Delivery Statistics, eLot, RDI Service, Z4Change, ZIPMove, ZIP + 4, DMM Labeling Lists, Official National Zone Charts	\$12,000.00	n/a	n/a

1520 Caller Service

1520.1 Description

- a. Caller Service provides a means for receiving mail, and enables an eligible customer to have properly addressed mail delivered through a call window or loading dock.
- b. Caller Service is provided to customers at the discretion of the Postal Service, based on mail volume received and conditions at the location.
- c. Caller Service is not available to a customer whose sole purpose for using this service is to obtain free forwarding or transfer of mail by filing change-of-address orders.

1520.2 Prices

	(\$)
Groups based on Post Office location (Semi-Annual):	
Group 1	885.00
Group 2	815.00
Group 3	750.00
Group 4	705.00
Group 5	670.00
Group 6	625.00
Group 7	595.00
Call Number Reservation (Annual ¹)	61.00

Notes

1. For customers using the Enterprise PO Box Online system, the semi-annual and annual fees may be prorated one time to align payment periods for multiple caller service numbers. The prorated fee for each such caller service number will be based on the number of months between the expiration of the current fee and the month of the payment alignment.

1525 Credit Card Authentication

1525.1 Description

The Credit Card Authentication fee is charged when customers use a credit card to verify their identity to the Postal Service, and/or authenticate a credit card.

1525.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per credit card authentication	1.10

1535 International Reply Coupon Service

1535.1 Description

Inbound International Reply Coupon Service

Inbound International Reply Coupon Service allows a sender in member countries of the UPU to prepay a reply by purchasing reply coupons that are exchangeable for U.S. postage stamps. One coupon is exchangeable for the purchase of postage stamps and/or embossed stamped envelopes regardless of the country where they were purchased in accordance with UPU Letter Post Regulations Articles RL 142.2 and 142.3. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int. International Reply Coupons for all administrations are bought and exchanged through the UPU.

1535.2 Prices

Inbound International Reply Coupon Service Prices

Payment is made in accordance with Part III of the Universal Postal Convention and associated UPU Letter Post Regulations. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.

1540 International Business Reply Mail Service

1540.1 Description

Outbound International Business Reply Mail Service

- a. Outbound International Business Reply Mail Service (IBRS) allows a permit holder or its representative to distribute and deposit postcards and envelopes for return to the addressee in the United States without prepayment of postage.
- b. A Business Reply Mail permit and payment of the prescribed accounting fee to participate in the Qualified Business Reply Mail program are required. The permit holder guarantees payment on delivery of postage and fees for the Business Reply Mail pieces that are returned to the addressee, including any pieces that the addressee refuses.

Inbound International Business Reply Mail Service

- a. Inbound International Business Reply Mail Service (IBRS) provides for the return of properly distributed postcards and envelopes to addressees in other countries. Payment of postage and fees are the responsibility of the addressee.

1540.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Outbound Cards

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	See Note 1
Maximum	6 inches	4.25 inches	0.016 inch	

Notes

1. Weight restrictions apply to the paper stock that is allowable for printing IBRS postcards as specified in the International Mail Manual.

Outbound Envelopes

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.2 inch	2 ounces

1540.3 Prices

Outbound International Business Reply Mail Service Prices

	(\$)
Card	1.75
Envelope	2.25

Inbound International Business Reply Mail Service Prices

Payment is made in accordance with Universal Postal Convention Article 13. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.

1545 Money Orders

1545.1 Description

- a. Money Order service provides the customer with an instrument for payment of a specified sum of money. The maximum value for which a domestic postal money order may be purchased is \$1,000.00. Other restrictions on the number or dollar value of postal money order sales, or both, may be imposed by law or as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- b. A receipt for purchase is provided at no additional cost.
- c. On the date of original issue, the Postal Service will replace, without charge, money orders that are spoiled or incorrectly prepared. After the date of original issue, the applicable money order fee is charged.
- d. Inquiries or claims may be filed by the purchaser, payee, or endorsee.

1545.2 Prices

	(\$)		(\$)	(\$)
Domestic	0.01	to	500.00	1.45
Domestic	500.01	to	1,000.00	1.95
APO/FPO/DPO	0.01	to	1,000.00	0.50
Inquiry, including a copy of paid money order				6.95

1550 Post Office Box Service

1550.1 Description

- a. Post Office Box service provides the customer with a locked receptacle for the receipt of mail during specified hours of access to the receptacle.
- b. Two box keys are available upon payment of a refundable deposit. Additional keys, including replacement keys, will be provided upon payment of the key duplication or replacement fee and a refundable deposit. Changing the lock on a box is available upon request of the primary box customer and payment of the lock replacement fee. The lock replacement fee may also be charged as a late payment fee, regardless of whether the lock is changed.
- c. Prorated prices are available for postal facilities primarily serving academic institutions or the students of such institutions.
- d. The Postal Service may limit the number of Post Office Box receptacles occupied by any one customer.
- e. Post Office Box service is not available to a customer whose sole purpose for using the service is to obtain free forwarding or transfer of mail by filing change-of-address orders.
- f. The market dominant Post Office Box service is available at all locations that do not qualify as, or are not treated as, competitive Post Office Box service locations.

1550.2 Box Sizes

Box Size	Cubic Inches
1	under 296
2	296 to 499
3	500 to 999
4	1000 to 1999
5	2000 cubic inches and larger

1550.3 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Regular – Fees depend on box size and Post Office location
- No Fee – When the Postal Service determines not to provide carrier delivery to customer's location
- Academic Institutions
- Ancillary Post Office Box Services

1550.4 Prices

Regular and No Fee

Box Size	Semi-annual Fees ¹ (Groups based on Post Office location) (\$)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	E ²
1	63.00	50.00	42.00	35.00	31.00	27.00	24.00	0.00
2	91.00	75.00	61.00	50.00	42.00	36.00	31.00	0.00
3	158.00	127.00	105.00	80.00	65.00	51.00	46.00	0.00
4	287.00	237.00	93.00	148.00	113.00	83.00	69.00	0.00
5	450.00	371.00	303.00	255.00	182.00	145.00	20.00	0.00

Box Size	3-Month Fees (Groups based on Post Office location) (\$)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	38.00	29.00	26.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	14.00
2	55.00	45.00	36.00	30.00	25.00	21.00	19.00
3	94.00	75.00	63.00	49.00	39.00	31.00	29.00
4	170.00	140.00	115.00	90.00	68.00	50.00	41.00
5	267.00	220.00	181.00	152.00	108.00	86.00	72.00

Notes

1. For customers using the Enterprise PO Box Online system, the semi-annual fees may be prorated one time to align payment periods for multiple boxes. The prorated fee for each such box will be based on the number of months between the expiration of the current fee and the month of the payment alignment.
2. When the Postal Service determines not to provide carrier delivery to a customer's physical address or business location that constitutes a potential carrier delivery point, as defined by the Postal Service, that customer becomes eligible for one Post Office Box at the Group E fee.

Postal Facilities Primarily Serving Academic Institutions or Their Students

Period of box use (days)	Price
95 or less	$\frac{1}{2}$ semiannual price
96 to 140	$\frac{3}{4}$ semiannual price
141 to 190	Semiannual price
191 to 230	$1 \frac{1}{4}$ semiannual price
231 to 270	$1 \frac{1}{2}$ semiannual price
271 to full year	Two times semiannual price

Ancillary Post Office Box Services

	(\$)
Key duplication or replacement	9.00
Lock replacement ¹	25.00
Key deposit	5.00

Notes

1. The lock replacement fee may also be charged as a late payment fee, regardless of whether the lock is changed.

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1560 Stamp Fulfillment Services

1560.1 Description

Stamp Fulfillment Services provides the fulfillment of stamp orders placed by mail, phone, fax or online to the Stamp Fulfillment Services organization.

1560.2 Prices

Orders mailed to domestic United States destinations	(\$)
Orders up to \$50.00	1.40 ¹ , add 2.55 ² for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	2.00 ¹ , add 2.55 ² for custom orders
Orders mailed to destinations outside of domestic United States	(\$)
Orders up to \$50.00	7.45 add 2.55 ² for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	8.05 add 2.55 ² for custom orders

Notes

1. Fee does not apply if the comparable fee from the Philatelic Sales pricing section is being charged for the shipment of a combined order of stamps and philatelic items. Fee also does not apply for orders consisting solely of stamped cards with a printed return address, or stamps sent as part of a subscription, in which the customer agrees to purchase a series of items of a specified type, and establishes a means of payment in advance. If a customer requests expedited shipping, then the order will be shipped using Priority Mail Express, with actual postage charged instead of the listed fees.
2. A custom order is a stamp order in configurations other than those listed for each item in the USA Philatelic catalog.

1600 Negotiated Service Agreements

1600.1 Description

Negotiated service agreements between the Postal Service and a mailer for customer-specific rates or fees and/or terms of service may be provided for a defined period of time in accordance with the terms and conditions of a written contract. A price associated with a negotiated service agreement is a price not of general applicability. The terms of a negotiated service agreement can specify prepayment or other methods for payment of postage and fees.

1600.2 Negotiated Service Agreement Groups

- Domestic (1601)
- International (1602)

1601 Domestic

1601.1 Description

The Postal Service enters into contracts, on a mailer-specific basis, to provide domestic services and respective rates that are available only to mailers meeting defined eligibility requirements.

1601.2 Negotiated Service Agreement Groups

- [Reserved]

1601.4 [Reserved]

1601.5 [Reserved]

1602 International

1602.1 Description

The Postal Service enters into contracts, on a mailer-specific basis, to provide international services and respective rates that are available only to mailers meeting defined eligibility requirements.

1602.2 Negotiated Service Agreement Groups

- Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (1602.3)

1602.3 Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1

1602.3.1 Description

- a. Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 provide prices for acceptance, transportation within the United States, and delivery of inbound Letter Post tendered by foreign postal operators. In particular, such agreements establish negotiated rates for inbound priority and/or non-priority letter trays, bags, and/or containers, including transit items. These items may also include direct entry letters and flats bearing domestic postage and indicia. Such agreements may also establish negotiated rates for services ancillary to such items and for customized market-dominant services developed for application solely in the context of the agreement.
- b. Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 may set forth general operating terms and conditions, on-time delivery and scanning service performance targets and standards, specifications for mail product categories and formats, processes for indemnity, and shared transportation arrangements that modify the requirements generally applicable to the services covered by each agreement.
- c. Items tendered under Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 items are either sealed or not sealed against inspection, according to the general nature of each underlying service.

1602.3.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Size and weight requirements are the requirements for any applicable type of inbound Letter Post, subject to any applicable country-specific modifications.

1602.3.3 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Bilateral/Multilateral Agreements

1602.3.4 Optional Features

The Postal Service may offer such optional features as may be mutually agreed with the relevant foreign postal operator.

1602.3.5 Products Included in Group (Agreements)

Each product is followed by a list of agreements included within that product.

- Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1
Baseline Reference
Docket Nos. MC2010-35, R2010-5 and R2010-6
PRC Order No. 549, September 30, 2010
Included Agreements

1602.4 [Reserved]

1602.5 [Reserved]

1602.6 [Reserved]

1700 Nonpostal Services

1700.1 Description

A Nonpostal Service is any service authorized by the Commission that is not a postal service. A service is any ongoing, commercial activity offered to the public for the purpose of financial gain.

1700.2 Nonpostal Service Groups

- Alliances with the Private Sector to Defray Cost of Key Postal Functions (1701)
- Philatelic Sales (1702)

1701 Alliances with the Private Sector to Defray Cost of Key Postal Functions

1701.1 Description

Alliances with the Private Sector to Defray Cost of Key Postal Functions service includes alliances or agreements with private sector entities for the provision of a core postal function or the funding of the function. The costs of the alliance or agreement are defrayed through activity of the private sector entity. Any revenues in excess of costs of the alliance or agreement are shared between the entity and the Postal Service. The Postal Service does not charge its customers for the core postal function.

1701.2 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- **MoverSource**—MoverSource is an alliance that supports the system whereby the Postal Service processes and confirms change-of-address information it receives from customers who wish to have their mail forwarded. Customers receive move-related advertising and general information about moving. Customers do not pay for the change-of-address function. The Postal Service shares in the net revenue of the agreement.
- **WhitePages**—WhitePages is an agreement that allows users of usps.com to access information about the locations, hours, phone numbers, and operations of and services available at post offices nationwide. The users of usps.com connect with WhitePages website which has been customized to provide the post office information. WhitePages solicits advertising that is shown on its website. Customers do not pay for the post office information. The Postal Service shares in any net revenue from the agreement.

1701.3 Prices

The Postal Service receives a negotiated share of net revenue after costs.

1702 Philatelic Sales

1702.1 Description

Philatelic items are stamp-related items that support the hobby of stamp collecting. They are intended to be collected by serious, casual and topical collectors and typically include a postage stamp or stamps. Examples of philatelic items include first day covers, ceremony programs, uncut press sheets, framed stamps, binders for storing stamps, stamp yearbooks, and philatelic guides.

1702.2 Prices

	(\$)
All items	Not less than face value of included postage, and not more than face value of included postage plus 300.00 ¹
Handling—Orders mailed to domestic (United States) destinations ²	
Orders up to \$50.00	1.25; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	1.75; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Handling—Orders mailed to non-domestic (outside the United States) destinations ²	
Orders up to \$50.00	6.25; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Orders over \$50.00	6.75; add \$2.00 for custom orders
Expedited service	Actual Priority Mail Express postage

Notes

1. Maximum price limit does not apply if price is determined using an auction.
2. There is no handling charge for philatelic items sent as part of a subscription for a series of philatelic items of a specified type, with a means of payment established in advance. The custom order fee is applied to stamp sales, including press sheets, when the customer requests configurations other than those listed for each item in the USA Philatelic catalog, specific plate positions, or special handling. The custom order fee does not apply to philatelic items, other than press sheets, or subscription program orders.

1800 Market Tests

The Postal Service may conduct market tests of experimental products pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3641. Generally, a market test may be conducted over a period not to exceed 24 months. The Postal Service identifies the product as either market dominant or competitive consistent with the criteria under 39 U.S.C. § 3642(b)(1). For informational purposes all market dominant product market tests are tracked under this section.

1801 Plus One

Reference

Docket No. MT2019-1
PRC Order No. 5239, September 20, 2019

Expires

September 30, 2021

1802 Commercial PO Box Redirect Service

Reference

Docket No. MT2020-1
PRC Order No. 5528, June 3, 2020

Expires

June 8, 2022

1803 Extended Mail Forwarding

Reference

Docket No. MT2020-2
PRC Order No. 5591, July 20, 2020

Expires

August 1, 2022

ATTACHMENT B

WORKSHARE DISCOUNTS AND PASSTHROUGHS

Please see “Attachment B R2021-2.xlsx”, which has been filed alongside this Notice on the PRC docketing website.

ATTACHMENT C

PRICE CAP CALCULATION

ATTACHMENT C: PRICE CAP CALCULATION

Calculation of amount of applicable change in CPI-U and Price Cap

	CPI ^[1]	Last 12 Months Point-to-Point ^[2]	12-Month Total ^[3]	12-Month Total Divided by 12 ^[4]	Base Average ^[5]	12-Month Moving Average ^[6]
Jan-18	247.867	2.1%	2946.5	245.539	240.501	2.095%
Feb-18	248.991	2.2%	2951.9	245.988	241.042	2.052%
Mar-18	249.554	2.4%	2957.6	246.467	241.514	2.051%
Apr-18	250.546	2.5%	2963.6	246.969	241.953	2.073%
May-18	251.588	2.8%	2970.5	247.540	242.328	2.151%
Jun-18	251.989	2.9%	2977.5	248.126	242.656	2.254%
Jul-18	252.006	2.9%	2984.7	248.728	243.003	2.356%
Aug-18	252.146	2.7%	2991.4	249.280	243.392	2.419%
Sep-18	252.439	2.3%	2997.0	249.749	243.841	2.423%
Oct-18	252.885	2.5%	3003.2	250.267	244.252	2.463%
Nov-18	252.038	2.2%	3008.6	250.714	244.695	2.460%
Dec-18	251.233	1.9%	3013.3	251.107	245.120	2.443%
Jan-19	251.712	1.6%	3017.1	251.427	245.539	2.398%
Feb-19	252.776	1.5%	3020.9	251.743	245.988	2.340%
Mar-19	254.202	1.9%	3025.6	252.130	246.467	2.298%
Apr-19	255.548	2.0%	3030.6	252.547	246.969	2.259%
May-19	256.092	1.8%	3035.1	252.922	247.540	2.174%
Jun-19	256.143	1.6%	3039.2	253.268	248.126	2.072%
Jul-19	256.571	1.8%	3043.8	253.649	248.728	1.978%
Aug-19	256.558	1.7%	3048.2	254.016	249.280	1.900%
Sep-19	256.759	1.7%	3052.5	254.376	249.749	1.853%
Oct-19	257.346	1.8%	3057.0	254.748	250.267	1.791%
Nov-19	257.208	2.1%	3062.1	255.179	250.714	1.781%
Dec-19	256.974	2.3%	3067.9	255.657	251.107	1.812%
Jan-20	257.971	2.5%	3074.1	256.179	251.427	1.890%
Feb-20	258.678	2.3%	3080.1	256.671	251.743	1.958%
Mar-20	258.115	1.5%	3084.0	256.997	252.130	1.930%
Apr-20	256.389	0.3%	3084.8	257.067	252.547	1.790%
May-20	256.394	0.1%	3085.1	257.092	252.922	1.649%
Jun-20	257.797	0.6%	3086.8	257.230	253.268	1.564%
Jul-20	259.101	1.0%	3089.3	257.441	253.649	1.495%
Aug-20	259.918	1.3%	3092.7	257.721	254.016	1.458%
Sep-20	260.280	1.4%	3096.2	258.0143	254.3764	1.430%
Oct-20	260.388	1.2%	3099.2	258.2678	254.7482	1.382%
Nov-20	260.229	1.2%	3102.2	258.5195	255.1790	1.309%
Dec-20	260.474	1.4%	3105.7	258.8112	255.6574	1.234%
Jan-21	261.582	1.4%	3109.3	259.1121	256.1790	1.145%
Feb-21	263.014	1.7%	3113.7	259.4734	256.6708	1.092%
Mar-21	264.877	2.6%	3120.4	260.0369	256.9969	1.183%
Apr-21	267.054	4.2%	3131.1	260.9257	257.0670	^[7] 1.244%

[1] Consumer Price Index -- All Urban Consumers, U.S. All Items (the "CUUR0000SA0" series)

[2] The current month CPI [Column 1] divided by CPI for same month, previous year

[3] Sum of the most recent 12 months CPI measurements in Column [1]

[4] Column [3] / 12

[5] The 12-month average of [1] from the 12 months prior to [4]. Only necessary to calculate cap when more than 12 months have passed.

[6] (The current month value in Column [4] / value from same month, previous year) - 1

[7] Exactly 8 CPI-U months have passed since the previous price adjustment for all Market Dominant mail classes so the price cap is the 8-month moving average (Column 6) or 1.244%.

ATTACHMENT D

2022 PROMOTIONS CALENDAR

2022 Promotions Calendar

Overview:

Building upon the success of prior mailing promotions, the Postal Service has developed a Mailing Promotion Calendar for Calendar Year (CY) 2022. The general purpose of the CY 2022 Promotions is to encourage marketers, printers, and mailers to utilize new technology and print techniques that enhance the traditional benefits of a physical mailpiece. The Mailing Promotions are an integral part of the Postal Service's strategy to strengthen the value of mail. Promotions are intended to facilitate engagement between marketers and USPS to elevate mail and drive industry best practices; and add value for First-Class Mail mailers. The promotion periods will range between 3 to 6 months in duration, starting as early as February 1, 2022. Ultimately, the Postal Service decided to focus the CY 2022 Promotions on the following areas: USPS Informed Delivery, Augmented/Virtual/Mixed Reality, Near Field Communication, Voice Assistant Integration, Video in Print, Mobile Shopping, Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Print, and Transpromotional Messaging.

The promotions developed for CY 2022 are:

- **Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion**
- **Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion**
- **Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion**
- **Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion**
- **Mobile Shopping Promotion**
- **Informed Delivery Promotion**

Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion

The print industry continues to develop innovations in papers/stocks, substrates, finishing techniques and inks. Print elements can be incorporated in a mail campaign to engage a multi-sensory experience through special visual effects, sound, scent, texture/tactile treatments, and even taste. By leveraging advances in print and finishing technology, marketers and mailers can enhance the way consumers interact and engage with mail to drive customer engagement and response rates.

Eligible Mail: First-Class Mail letters, cards and flats, USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, and Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats

Discount: 4 percent off eligible mailpieces

Registration Period: December 15, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Promotion Period: February 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022

Mailpiece Requirements: Mailpieces must be reviewed by the Promotion Office in advance of any mailing submissions to qualify for the promotion discount. Mailpieces must contain at least one element from one of the three following categories:

1. Specialty Inks (including but not limited to: Conductive inks, Leuco Dyes/Thermochromic, Photochromics, Optically Variable Ink, piezochromatic ink, and hydro chromic ink)
2. Specialty Papers that make use of at least one of the following features (use of these features must be connected to the marketing message of the mailpiece):
 - Scent: Paper infused with scent, or microencapsulated

- Sound: Paper that incorporates sound chip/speakers
- Taste: Paper that incorporates edible components
- Visual: Paper that incorporates special effects (e.g., filters, holographic effects, lenticular effects)
- Textural: Paper that incorporates certain textural treatments such as sandpaper, soft/velvet touch, and UV finishes

3. Interactive mailpieces that make use of dynamic folds that the user can twist, spin, dial or bend, and other dimensional enhancements (such as 3-dimensional features and pop-ups)

Enrollment	Participants and/or Mail Service Providers (MSPs) should register on the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) via the Incentive Programs (gateway.usps.com). Promotion participants should complete their registration (including agreeing to the promotion terms) at least 2 hours prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing and specify which permits and CRIDs will be participating in the promotion.
Mailing Date and Mail Preparation	Mail must be tendered for acceptance during the promotion period, February 1 – July 31, 2022. All promotion eligible mailings must be finalized in <i>PostalOne!</i> no earlier than February 1, 2022 and no later than July 31, 2022 (the last day of the promotion). Plant-Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS) mailings that are verified and paid for during the promotion period and that qualify for the promotion, will be accepted at destination entry postal facilities through August 15, 2022 (at the discounted rate), when presented with appropriate verification and payment documentation (PS Form 8125).
Postage Payment	Postage must be paid using a Permit Imprint or Precanceled Stamp Permit. OMAS and “Official Government Mail” mailings are eligible for the promotion. Select meter permit mailings may qualify. Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) deposited at a Business Mail Entry Unit may qualify, but EDDM Retail mailings taken to local Post Office retail units are ineligible to participate.
eDoc	Mailings must be submitted electronically via Postal Wizard, Mail.dat or Mail.XML. The eDoc must identify the mail owner and mail preparer in the By/For fields by Customer Registration ID (CRID) and/or Mailer ID (MID).
Commingled Mail	The promotion discount can be applied to qualifying pieces within a combined or commingled mailing, but the qualifying pieces must be submitted on separate postage statements or by mailpiece version.
Pre-Verification and Mailpiece Samples	Mailers must submit a hard copy sample to the program office for pre-verification prior to mailing to ensure that program requirements are met. Participants must provide a hard copy mailpiece claiming the promotion discount to the Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)/acceptance clerk at the time of mailing. If a mailing agent submits promotional mailings from multiple mailers, a hard copy of each mailer's mailpiece must be presented to the BMEU.

Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion

As mobile and other print technologies evolve, mail has the potential to offer greater value by engaging customers in new and exciting ways. In order to ensure that direct mail continues to be a relevant part of the marketing mix, the Postal Service is offering another promotion encouraging customers to incorporate technologies such as “Enhanced” Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Mixed Reality, Near Field Communication (NFC), Video in Print (ViP) featuring Shoppable Video, and Integration with Voice Assistants.

Eligible Mail: First-Class Mail letters, cards, and flats, USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, and Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats

Discount: 2 percent or 3 percent off eligible mailpieces

2% Eligible Techniques:

- Enhanced Augmented Reality (AR)
- Basic Integration with Voice Assistant

3% Eligible Techniques:

- Video in Print
- NFC
- Virtual Reality(VR)/Mixed Reality (MR)
- Advanced Integration with Voice Assistant

Registration Period: January 15, 2022 – August 31, 2022

Promotion Period: March 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

Mailpiece Requirements: To be eligible for the promotion, the mailpiece must incorporate any of the following elements:

1. Interactive NFC technology (examples include the ability to create calendar events; toggle on and off device features; or trigger messaging services, video, or other device features).
2. “Enhanced” Augmented Reality: must include two or more of the following elements:
 - 3D elements or modules;
 - Animation;
 - Interplay between the physical mailpiece and the digital world that actively uses the viewer’s perspective.

Enhanced AR also includes “print and visual search integration” which allows the recipient to scan an image from the mailpiece using image recognition software and interact with the 3D image of the item on their mobile device.

3. Virtual Reality (VR): the mailpiece must provide a link to immersive VR experiences, and can either provide a low-cost paper/cardboard version of a VR viewing device OR may link users to specific VR experiences from the mailpiece, leveraging the recipient’s own viewing device .
4. Mixed Reality (MR): Mixed Reality combines both augmented and virtual experiences through a combined immersive technology that can include sight, sound, and touch. Mixed Reality can include different experiences but some of the most common include blending physical and virtual experiences via a head-set. For purposes of the promotion, the direct

mailpiece must have a trigger leading to a Mixed Reality experience, similar to the requirement for augmented reality and VR.

5. **Video in Print (ViP) Technology:** ViP is video advertising that integrated into a printed piece that is featured in print catalogs and/or mailpieces. Simply linking to video content is not adequate to meet the criteria for ViP. ViP can be integrated into a printed piece in several ways including:
 - Integrated video screen within a printed, mailable piece;
 - Integrated Video/Picture utilizing translucent paper;
 - 360 degree view of mobile optimized website or video;
 - Shoppable Video.

6. **Integration with Voice Assistants:** A voice assistant is a digital assistant that uses voice recognition, language processing algorithms, and voice synthesis to listen to specific voice commands and return relevant information or perform specific functions as requested by the user. Mailpieces that contain printed voice assistant commands that enable voice assisted tasks or experiences that are aligned to the to the marketing message on the printed mailpiece may qualify for the promotion. Basic tasks and interactions will qualify for a 2% discount and Advanced Voice Assistant tasks and interactions will qualify for a 3% discount.
 1. **Basic Voice Assistant** will provide a 2% discount on all eligible mailpieces that integrate with voice technology that makes use of existing search or skill functionality. These experiences typically have minimal customization and require less development by the mailer.
 2. **Advanced Voice Assistant** will provide a 3% discount on all eligible mailpieces that use more complex voice skills or actions that require greater development and investment. These experiences are unique and customized to the brand and may require that a customized skill or action be built.

Enrollment	Participants and/or Mail Service Providers (MSPs) should register on the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) via the Incentive Programs (gateway.usps.com). Promotion participants should complete their registration (including agreeing to the promotion terms) at least 2 hours prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing and specify which permits and CRIDs will be participating in the promotion.
Mailing Dates and Mail Preparation	Mail must be tendered for acceptance during the promotion period, March 1 – August 31, 2022. All promotion eligible mailings must be finalized in <i>PostalOne!</i> no earlier than March 1, 2022 and no later than August 31, 2022 (the last day of the promotion). Plant-Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS) mailings that are verified and paid for during the promotion period and that qualify for the promotion, will be accepted at destination entry postal facilities through September 15, 2022 (at the discounted rate), when presented with appropriate verification and payment documentation (PS Form 8125).
Postage Payment	Postage must be paid using a Permit Imprint or Precanceled Stamp Permit. OMAS and “Official Government Mail” mailings are eligible for the promotion. Select Meter Permit mailings may qualify. Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) deposited at a Business Mail Entry Unit may qualify, but EDDM Retail mailings taken to local Post Office retail units are ineligible to participate.

eDoc	Mailings must be submitted electronically via Mail.dat and Mail.XML or Postal Wizard. Mailings that are prepared and entered by an entity other than the mail owner must indicate the owner's identity in the electronic documentation ("eDoc"). The eDoc must identify the mail owner and mail preparer in the By/For fields by Customer Registration ID (CRID) and/or Mailer ID (MID).
Commingled Mail	The promotion discount can be applied to qualifying pieces within a combined or commingled mailing, but the qualifying pieces must be submitted on separate postage statements or by mailpiece version.
Pre-Verification and Mailpiece Samples	Mailpieces must be reviewed by the program office prior to mailing to ensure that promotion requirements are met. Participants must provide a hard copy mailpiece sample at the time of mail entry, unless other sample submission options specified in the promotion requirements are applicable.

Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion

The 2022 Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion encourages mailers to continue distributing Business Reply Mail (BRM), Courtesy Reply Mail (CRM) and Share Mail pieces. Mailers who register their Mailer ID (MID) information and use eligible Intelligent Mail barcodes on their BRM and CRM letters and cards, and Share Mail pieces may receive a postage credit for each mailpiece that is placed in the mailstream by the recipient and scanned during the promotion period.

The Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion will run from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 during which time, eligible reply pieces will be counted. At the end of the promotion, the eligible BRM and CRM letters and cards and Share Mail pieces will be totaled and the earned postage credit applied to the customer permit accounts. The participant can apply the earned credits to future mailings of First-Class Mail® Presort and Automation cards, letters and flats, and USPS Marketing Mail™ letters and flats. Earned Value credits will expire on December 31, 2022.

Eligible Mail: BRM and CRM letters and cards, and Share Mail (Permit Reply Mail and Ballot Mail are excluded)

Credit Amount: All Participants: \$0.02 credit for each BRM and CRM and/or Share Mail piece counted

Registration Period: February 15, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Promotion Period: April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Credit Redemption Period: July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Credit Expiration: December 31, 2022

Mailpiece Requirements: BRM, CRM, and Share Mail mailpieces must contain an IMb with the registered MID encoded to qualify. BRM must be barcoded with a valid and properly used ZIP+4 code on the mailpiece, and the same ZIP+4 code must be encoded within the IMb. The IMb on all BRM, CRM, and Share Mail pieces must contain the barcode ID, qualifying service type ID, and correct ZIP+4 routing code. (Qualifying service type IDs include: 708, 052, 703, 050, 030, 733, 734, 070, 030, 072, and 032.)

Enrollment	Mailers must register their permits and MIDs no later than March 31, 2022 and select the Permit Imprint account(s) to which future earned credits will be applied.
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Tracking	All mailpiece counts for BRM, CRM, and Share Mail pieces with qualifying barcodes that contain the registered MID(s) will be counted in the mailstream during the promotion period.
Credit Calculation/Application	At the end of the promotion, the applicable credit amount will be multiplied by the total BRM, CRM, and Share Mail pieces counted, for each enrolled CRID. Once credits are accepted, they will be applied to the Permit accounts.
Acceptance Period for Credits:	Credits will be released, beginning on July 1 st , when the mailer agrees to their piece counts, after the promotion ends. Agreement on piece counts must be reached by September 15, 2022; otherwise the credits will be forfeited.

2022 Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion

This promotion encourages mailers of bills and statements to use color messaging in order to create a greater connection to and response from consumers. The Promotion is intended to increase the value of First-Class Mail and encourage mailers to invest in color print technology. An upfront postage discount is provided to mailers who use dynamic/variable color print for personalized and transpromotional marketing messages on their bills and statements. For companies/mail owners who have not previously participated in the promotion, only the dynamic color messaging requirement must be satisfied in their first year of participation.

- **Eligible Mail:** First-Class Mail® presort and automation letters
- **Discount:** 3 percent off eligible mailpieces
- **Registration Period:** May 15, 2022 – December 31, 2022
- **Promotion Period:** July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022
- **Mailpiece Content Restriction:** Bills and statements only

Enrollment	Participants and/or Mail Service Providers (MSPs) should register on the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) via the Incentive Programs (gateway.usps.com). Promotion participants should complete their registration (including agreeing to the promotion terms) at least 2 hours prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing and specify which permits and CRIDs will be participating in the promotion.
Mail Preparation	Letters must be prepared according to First-Class Mail standards
Mailing Date	Mail must be tendered for acceptance during the promotion period, July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. All promotion eligible mailings must be finalized in PostalOne! no earlier than July 1, 2022 and no later than December 31, 2021 (the last day of the promotion).
Postage Payment	Postage must be paid using a Permit Imprint or Precanceled Stamp Permit. Select Meter Permit mailings may qualify.
eDoc	Mailings must be submitted electronically via Postal Wizard, Mail.dat or Mail.XML. The eDoc must identify the mail owner and mail preparer in the By/For fields by Customer Registration ID (CRID) and/or Mailer ID (MID).

Commingled Mail	The promotion discount can be applied to qualifying pieces within a combined or commingled mailing, but the qualifying mail must be submitted on separate postage statements or by mailpiece version.
Pre-Verification and Mailpiece Samples	Mailpieces must be reviewed by the program office prior to mailing to ensure that promotion requirements are met. Participants must provide a hard copy mailpiece sample at the time of mail entry, unless other sample submission options specified in the promotion requirements are applicable.

2022 Mobile Shopping Promotion

This promotion is aimed at businesses and mailers offering products for sale, especially during the 2022 holiday shopping season. The CY 2022 Mobile Shopping Promotion encourages mailers to use techniques that help reduce friction from moving the recipient from a hard copy mailpiece to a mobile online shopping experience.

Eligible Mail: USPS Marketing Mail letters and flats, and USPS Nonprofit Marketing Mail letters and flats

Discount: 2 percent off eligible mailpieces

Registration Period: July 15, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Promotion Period: September 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Mailpiece Requirements: All qualifying mail must contain a barcode, printed command, or other technology that allows the user to engage in a mobile shopping experience. Qualifying technologies include but are not limited to: open-sourced barcodes; proprietary barcodes or tags; an image embedded with a digital watermark; intelligent print image recognition; Augmented Reality; Shoppable Video; and Voice Assistant Command.

In addition, the print/mobile technology must lead to a mobile optimized shopping site or a social media web page with a click to shop feature, or an app enabled barcode payment.

Enrollment	Participants and/or Mail Service Providers (MSPs) should register on the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) via the Incentive Programs (gateway.usps.com). Promotion participants should complete their registration (including agreeing to the promotion terms) at least 2 hours prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing and specify which permits and CRIDs will be participating in the promotion.
Mailing Date and Mail Preparation	All promotion eligible mailings must be finalized in <i>Posta!One!</i> during the promotion period, September 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. PVDS mailings that are verified and paid for during the promotion period and that qualify for the promotion, will be accepted at destination entry postal facilities through January 15, 2023 (at the discounted rate), when presented with appropriate verification and payment documentation (PS Form 8125).
Postage Payment	Postage must be paid using a Permit Imprint or Precanceled Stamp Permit. OMAS and “Official Government Mail” mailings are eligible for the promotion. Select meter permit mailings may qualify. EDDM deposited at a Business Mail Entry Unit may qualify, but EDDM Retail mailings taken to local Post Office retail units are ineligible to participate.

eDoc	Mailings must be submitted electronically via Postal Wizard, Mail.dat or Mail.XML. The eDoc must identify the mail owner and mail preparer in the By/For fields by Customer Registration ID (CRID) and/or Mailer ID (MID).
Commingled Mail	The promotion discount can be applied to qualifying pieces within a combined or commingled mailing, but the qualifying pieces must be submitted on separate postage statements or by mailpiece version.
Pre-Verification & Mailpiece Samples	Mailpieces must be reviewed by the program office prior to mailing to ensure that promotion requirements are met. Participants must provide a hard copy mailpiece sample at the time of mail entry, unless other sample submission options specified in the promotion requirements are applicable.

2022 Informed Delivery Promotion

The Postal Service has created its own omni-channel tool for mail through the development of the Informed Delivery platform. In an effort to help mailers improve the results of their Informed Delivery campaigns, the Postal Service is offering a 4 percent discount off postage for mailings that use best practices and techniques in their Informed Delivery campaigns. Mailers who seek to qualify for this promotion by using Informed Delivery must:

- Create an Informed Delivery campaign through the Informed Delivery Portal or through eDoc submission;
- Ensure the dates of the Informed Delivery campaign coincide with the physical mailing claiming the promotion;
- Ensure the serial number range for that campaign is sufficient to include all the volumes in the mailing;
- Supply the Program Office with an image sample of the campaign ride-a-long image prior to mailing submission; The ride-a-long image must include a call-to-action and meet best practice requirements;

Eligible Mail: First-Class Mail automation letters, cards, and flats, USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats, and Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats (The following exclusions apply: First-Class Mail or USPS Marketing Mail automation letters and flats that do not generate an informed delivery image; Examples may include mailings to business addresses, Saturation, EDDM or DDU entry)

Discount: 4 percent off eligible mailpieces

Registration Period: June 15, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Promotion Period: August 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Mailpiece Requirements: To be eligible for the promotion, the mailpiece must incorporate an Informed Delivery campaign with their mailings.

Enrollment	Participants and/or Mail Service Providers (MSPs) should register on the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) via the Incentive Programs (gateway.usps.com). Promotion participants should complete their registration (including agreeing to the promotion terms) at least 2 hours
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	prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing and specify which permits and CRIDs will be participating in the promotion.
Mailing Dates and Mail Preparation	<p>Mail must be tendered for acceptance during the promotion period, August 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. All promotion eligible mailings must be finalized in <i>PostalOne!</i> no earlier than August 1, 2022 and no later than December 31, 2022 (the last day of the promotion).</p> <p>Plant-Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS) mailings that are verified and paid for during the promotion period and qualify for the promotion will be accepted at destination entry postal facilities through January 15, 2022 (at the discounted rate), when presented with appropriate verification and payment documentation (PS Form 8125).</p>
Postage Payment	Postage must be paid using a Permit Imprint or Precanceled Stamp Permit. OMAS and “Official Government Mail” mailings are eligible for the promotion. Some Meter Permit mailings may qualify.
eDoc	Mailings must be submitted electronically via Mail.dat and Mail.XML or Postal Wizard. Mailings that are prepared and entered by an entity other than the mail owner must indicate the owner’s identity in the electronic documentation ("eDoc"). The eDoc must identify the mail owner and mail preparer in the By/For fields by Customer Registration ID (CRID) and/or Mailer ID (MID).
Commingled Mail	The promotion discount can be applied to qualifying pieces within a combined or commingled mailing, but the qualifying mail must be submitted on separate postage statements or by mailpiece version.
Pre-Verification and Mailpiece Samples	Mailpieces and accompanying digital images must be reviewed by the program office prior to mailing to ensure that promotion requirements are met. Participants must provide a hard copy mailpiece sample at the time of mail entry, unless other sample submission options specified in the promotion requirements are applicable.